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GREYHOUNDS TO RUN OTHER WAY

BREAKFAST TIME HAS ITS QUEER HABITS

London, Nov. 15.

Most people are not wakened by alarm clocks; their average time of rising is 7.40 a.m., and over half an hour passes before they sit down to their first meal.

These facts are based on an investigation which has just been made into the breakfast-time habits of 276 adults and children.

Only 27 dress at once on awaking. Seventy-two go to sleep again, 23 read books or magazines, and 158 remain in bed for another three-quarters of an hour.

WHAT WE EAT

Thirty per cent. of the total took their own breakfast, one half eat with the rest of the family, but the remaining 50 per cent. breakfast in shifts. At this meal

For every 40 who have porridge, 60 have cereal;

For every 40 who have toast, 60 have bread;

For every 20 who have jam or honey, 80 have marmalade;

For every 20 who have coffee, 80 have tea.

An egg, fish or meat dish was eaten by 60 per cent. of these; 30 per cent. had bacon and eggs; 16 per cent. a boiled egg. Very few ate fish.

Only 88 people made a set meal of breakfast.

HOW MUCH WE SMOKE

The inquiries were conducted by Mass Observation, which now promises the result of an analysis into smoking habits and the contents of 600 muntipieces.

It is asking for a detailed account from over a thousand observers of what happens between 10.30 and 11.30 this morning.

The instructions for to-morrow are: "Describe the morning in detail from the end of breakfast to the end of lunch."

"Include details of your working routine, if you are at work; of household routine, if you are at home; or of shopping, if you go out to the shops."

In the case of any "national emergency" all observers have a standing request to make a detailed account of what happens to them and the reactions of those around them.



Flying Officer A. E. Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green bidding good-bye to mechanics when the couple started on their record-breaking flight from London to the Cape and back.

Golf Club's "Hole-in-One" Reform

GOLFERS who dream of doing a "hole in one," but dread the consequences of their feat—drinks all round the club and a bottle of whisky for the caddy—may take heart.

Camberley Heath Golf Club committee has ruled that the player doing a hole in one on their course shall himself be entertained—up to 5s. at the bar.

Brigadier-General E. Napper Tandy, captain of the club, described the old custom as a "tyranny."

"I should like to see the principle adopted by golf clubs throughout the country," he said.

"The greatest menace of the old custom is to the young and proficient golfer who is least able to bear the imposition and too diffident to protest.

Left-Handed Racing Makes Them Lop-Sided

London, Nov. 15.

Convinced that regular racing on the present left-handed (anti-clockwise) plan will produce a strain of lop-sided greyhounds, Brigadier-General A. C. Critchley, managing director of the Greyhound Racing Association, Ltd., is introducing the wright-handed (clockwise) races to keep the dogs straight.

He intends next year to institute a £1,000 race for the right-handed championship. The change is to be brought in gradually. First there will be two right-hand races a week; later, two a night.

After a practice earlier this week, which proved that the dogs race round a right-handed track with as much zest as they do round a left-handed track (although they took 3/5th. of a second longer on the right-hand run), the first public exhibition of right-handed racing was given at the children's party in aid of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Cancer at the White City track last night.

There may be difficulties in the way of establishing right-handed racing, but General Critchley thinks they are less likely to be raised by the dogs than by the fans who do the backing.

NEW FORM PROBLEMS

At the 60 licensed tracks in this country backers put in 26,000,000 attendances a year. They are conservative souls; right-hand racing will present them with brand new problems of form.

But General Critchley believes that the danger of breeding de-

formities into the strains is too great to be ignored.

A greyhound, he told the press recently, "takes two half-circles, always (up to now) to the left, at an average speed of 33 miles an hour while he is racing. He does two turns every 30 seconds. So that he is constantly using one side of his body more than the other; developing powerful shoulder muscles on the right side and compressing (therefore shortening) his left foreleg each time he turns.

"It might be six or seven generations before any noticeable change appeared," General Critchley said, "but it would be certain to come. We should be breeding deformed dogs."

"INEVITABLE DISTORTION"

"Greyhound racing, now 12 years old, has reached the fourth and fifth generations of scientific breeding. We are now breeding between 300 and 400 dogs a year. We are now eliminating all the fighters and all the barkers. We are producing pure racing strains.

"I feel it is up to us to prevent what would otherwise be an inevitable distortion of the dogs' bodies. I am so convinced about it that I intend to establish right-handed racing against any sort of opposition. I think it is our duty."

Ultimately, he believes, the two forms of greyhound racing, right and left handed, will flourish side by side, and when that happens the normal development of greyhound breeds will be assured.

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Herr Hitler Wants To Meet Marlene

Herr Hitler saw Marlene Dietrich's latest picture, "Angel," a few days ago, writes the Daily Express Berlin correspondent.

He liked the picture, liked Marlene, and expressed a wish to meet her when next she visits the land of her birth.

A stiff rebuke was later issued through the official German news-

agency to several German newspapers including Jew-baiter Julius Streicher's Der Stürmer, for attacking Marlene when she decided to become an American citizen.

Herr Hitler has been told that Marlene may soon come to Germany on a business trip. He has indicated that he will invite her to meet him.

Subaltern Who Took Togoland

HOW GERMANS WERE BLUFFED

A remarkable story of how a young Irish subaltern "bluffed" the Germans into surrendering Togoland during the Great War was told recently by Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins and Lord Davidson. They were speaking at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Berkhamsted.

Sir Reginald said that he and Lord Davidson, in the early days of the war, helped in the handling of code messages at the Colonial Office. One day they received a code message from a young subaltern in the Cameroons who probably, Sir Reginald said, had under his command two men and a boy, announcing that he was going to take Togoland.

Before they could reply another cable arrived. This said that he had made a reconnaissance of the enemy's position and intended to attack. Next morning another message stated that he had attacked and that all was well. "I do not know what his name was," added Sir Reginald, "but I hope that he is a General now."

Lord Davidson, taking up the story, said that this young officer converted his "two men and a boy" into a "stage army." Actually he split his tiny force into little parties, marched them up and down the country, and arranged with natives to run into Kameru and report that there were enemy forces all over the place.

RIFLE BOLTS REMOVED

The result was that the Germans were led to believe that there were 1,500 men instead of "two men and a boy." They were persuaded that a half-company of the West African Frontier Force were the Advance part of a great army, and decided that the best thing was to surrender.

The young officer made it a condition that they should pile their arms on the side of the town by which he proposed to approach and that the Germans should retire into the centre of the town. During the night he had the whole of his force practising how to extract the bolts from rifles so as to render the weapons useless.

Next morning he found the arms piled as he had commanded. He and his escort advanced further while the remainder of the force removed the bolts from the rifles.

It is understood that the officer concerned is now Lieut.-Col. F. C. Bryant, says the Daily Telegraph and Morning Post.

Muzzle Loaders Tried Out

Lewiston, Mont. The muzzle loading rifle club of Montana residents held a rifle shoot here in which the contestants crammed shot down the muzzles of their antiquated weapons. Competitions in shooting the old Kentucky rifle, the flintlock and percussion types were held.

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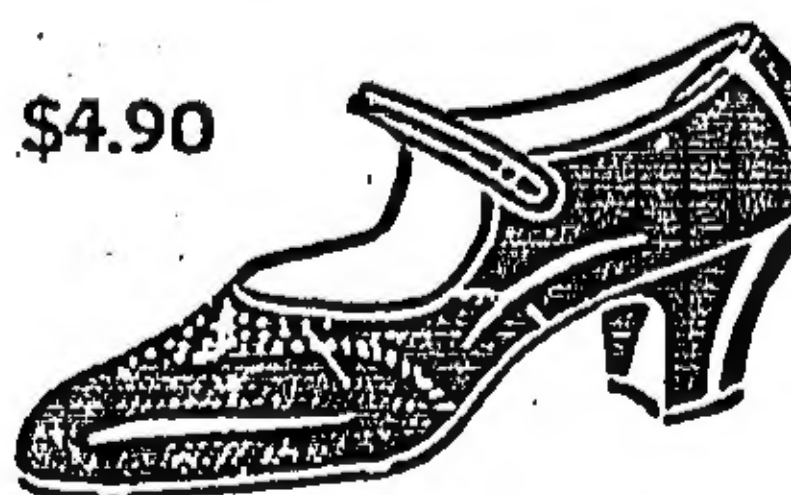
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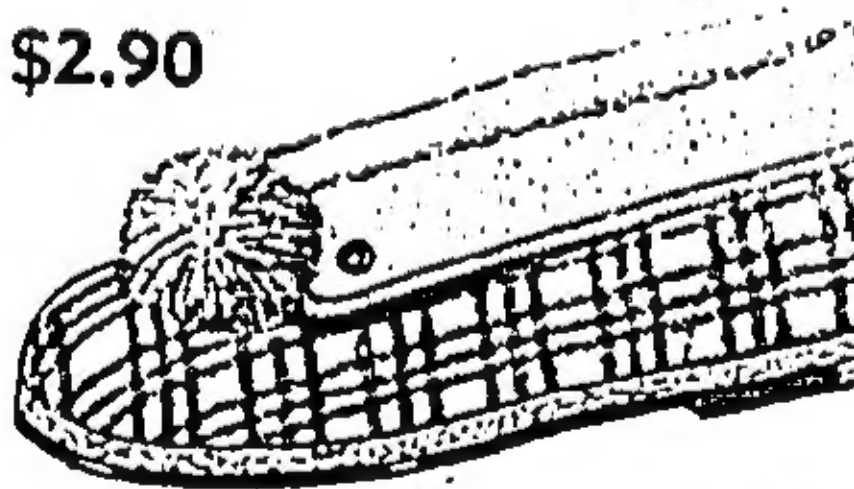
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JAPANESE EXPLAIN ACCIDENT

Gunboats Mistakes For Chinese Craft

Tokyo, Dec. 15. The naval section of the Imperial Headquarters has issued a statement on the circumstances in connection with the incidents in which the U.S.S. Panay and British gunboats and vessels were bombed by the Japanese naval aeroplanes.

The statement declares that information was received on December 12 that ten steamers and a number of junks carrying remnants of the defeated Chinese forces were proceeding up Yangtze.

On receipt of this information, part of the Japanese Air Force operating with the ground forces at Nanking, was immediately despatched to attack the fleeing Chinese soldiers. About 2.30 p.m. on the same afternoon, Japanese aeroplanes discovered two large and several small steamers and other vessels apparently gunboats lying above Nanking. The Japanese planes bombed the large steamers, while the three vessels resembling gunboats were fired on. The British Naval authorities on the same night received information that the vessels attacked were H.M.S. Graceland, H.M.S. Scarab and a British steamer.

Vice-Admiral Hasegawa then ordered his Chief-of-Staff to call on the British naval authorities to express his apologies.

Describing the sinking of the Panay and the Standard Oil Company ship, the statement says that the "pilots of Japanese planes reported that the steamers carried no flags and many soldiers, apparently Chinese, were sighted aboard them."

Upon learning that the Panay and other vessels were sunk, Vice-Admiral Hasegawa immediately instructed the suspension of air bombings and despatched assistance by air to the Panay.

The statement concludes: "It goes without saying that these attacks were quite accidental and not deliberately planned." The Japanese authorities concerned are resorting to the necessary steps to cope with the unhappy situation.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE

Selling		
T.T. London	100	27 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	100	104 1/4
T.T. Singapore	100	52 3/4
T.T. Japan	100	100 1/4
T.T. India	100	82
T.T. U.S.A.	100	31 1/2
T.T. Manila	100	51 1/2
T.T. Batavia	100	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	100	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100	90 1/2
T.T. France	100	9 10
T.T. Germany	100	70 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	100	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	100	1 10 1/2
4 m/s L/C London	100	1 13 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	100	1 13 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	100	31 1/2
4 m/s France	100	9 10
30 d/s India	100	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	100	4 90 3/4

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 15	Dec. 16
Paris	147.15/16	147.19/04
Geneva	21.00 1/2	21.00 1/2
Berlin	12.39 1/4	12.39 1/4
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	94 1/2	94 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Oslo	19.00	19.00
Helsinki	22.00	22.00
Shanghai	1 1/2 1/2	1 1/2 1/2
New York	4.90 1/2	4.90 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.98 1/2	8.98 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	110 1/2	110 1/2
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1 1/3	1 1/3
Bombay	1 10 1/2	1 10 1/2
Montreal	4.90 1/2	4.90 1/2
Brussels	29.30 1/2	29.40
Yokohama	1 1/2	1 1/2
Belgrade	30 1/2	30 1/2
Manila	51 1/2	51 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	2 1/2	2 1/2
Silver (Spot)	10 1/2	10 1/2
Silver (forward 181)	10 1/2	10 1/2
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

—British Wireless.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1937, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Pokfulam, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Goods not cleared by the 23rd December, 1937, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chipped and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined at Holt's Wharf.

Consignees are requested to apply for a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable cargo is being examined.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

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K.R.A. Asks Government For Action

Variety Of Subjects Discussed During Monthly Meeting Burglars And Mosquitoes

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Tuesday, December 14, in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Those present were Mr. B. Wyllie (President), Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice-President), Mr. R. P. Phillips (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. R. Baldwin (Hon. Secretary), Miss R. Mow Fung, Messrs. W. C. Felshaw, Li Chor-chi, C. M. Manners, D. W. Munton, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, and the Rev. J. R. Higgs. Apologies of absence were received from Mr. Hon. Mr. L. d'Almeida, Messrs. H. Gittins and C. E. Terry.

Correspondence concerning traffic, mosquitoes in Kowloon, children's playgrounds, road surfacing and the Street Sleepers Shelter Society, were read and approved.

A letter from Government regarding the possible removal of a cemetery to a site in Kowloon Tong was read. A sub-committee was appointed to go into the matter.

A letter was read drawing the Committee's attention to the traffic "island" in process of construction at the junction of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street. It was agreed that the Traffic sub-committee should investigate the matter, if possible in collaboration with the Automobile Association and the Police Traffic Department.

A sub-committee submitted a list of roads which are inadequately labelled, and it was agreed to write the Hon. Colonial Secretary on the matter.

STREET LIGHTING

The attention of the Committee had been directed by Government to certain experimental gas lamps at present fitted in Jordan Road.

Opinion was unanimous that the lighting afforded by these lamps was not so satisfactory as that supplied by the gasless discharge lamps recently tried in Nathan Road, and it was agreed to write Government to this effect.

Concern was expressed regarding the serious increase in the numbers of cases of burglary in certain Kowloon districts. It was agreed to again direct the attention of the Police Department to this matter.

The opinion having been generally expressed by members of the Committee that the Kowloon Post Office was at present understaffed, the President was requested to interview

JAPANESE CONSUL LEAVING

Introduces Successor And Leaves H.K. To-Day

Mr. T. Nakamura, former Japanese Consul in Canton, has arrived in Hongkong in succession to Mr. K. Midzushima, who leaves to-day for Tokyo and Honolulu, where he will be Consul General.

Mr. Midzushima paid formal calls on the local Consular Body yesterday and introduced his successor. The departing Consul General for Japan was dined by the Consular Body here, and this distinction now falls on Herr H. Gipperich, the Consul General for Germany.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station: G. G. Paul Dwyer, Fernestie, Shinkyo Maru, President Hoover, President McKinley, Empress of Canada, Delagoa Maru, Tasman, Kidderpore, Tjisondari, Holhow, Sarpedon, and Jeypore.

DELBOIS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Prague, Dec. 15. Following his visits to Warsaw, Bucharest and Belgrade, Mr. Yvon Delbois, French Foreign Minister, arrived here to-day. He was met at the railway station by Dr. Kamal Krotka, the Czecho-Slovakian Foreign Minister and other high officials, and was warmly cheered by crowds.

The streets were decorated with French flags for the occasion.—Reuter.

PLANES FOR MACAO

Lisbon, Dec. 15. Wing-Commander Jose Cabral left for London by air to-day to obtain delivery of a number of aeroplanes purchased by the Portuguese Government from Great Britain, which will be forwarded to the new Portuguese air base at Macao.—Reuter's Special.

At the next meeting of the English Discussion Group at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Friday, December 17, at 8 p.m., Mr. Percy Chen will speak on the subject "Some Important Facts in the Present Far Eastern Crisis." All those interested are invited.

The Postmaster General on the subject.

A donation of \$100 was granted by the Association to the Kowloon Food Relief Committee.

Referendum On War Not Acceptable

Serves No Useful Purpose, Says Cordell Hull

Washington, Dec. 15.

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives has secretly decided not to hold hearings on the Ludlow War Referendum, which proposes that before the United States be committed to war, the Government shall seek the opinion of the nation by a referendum.

Senator Hiram W. Sumners indicated that this decision of the committee was due to the delicate international situation.

Meanwhile Administration opposition to the proposals is growing. Senator Sam Rayburn announced that he would do his utmost to prevent consideration of the plan, despite the completion and discharge of the petition.

Commenting on the Ludlow War Referendum scheme, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary for States said: "From the standpoint of promoting peace I am unable to see either the wisdom or practicality of this proposal."—United Press.

BRITAIN DELIVERS NEW NOTE TO JAPAN

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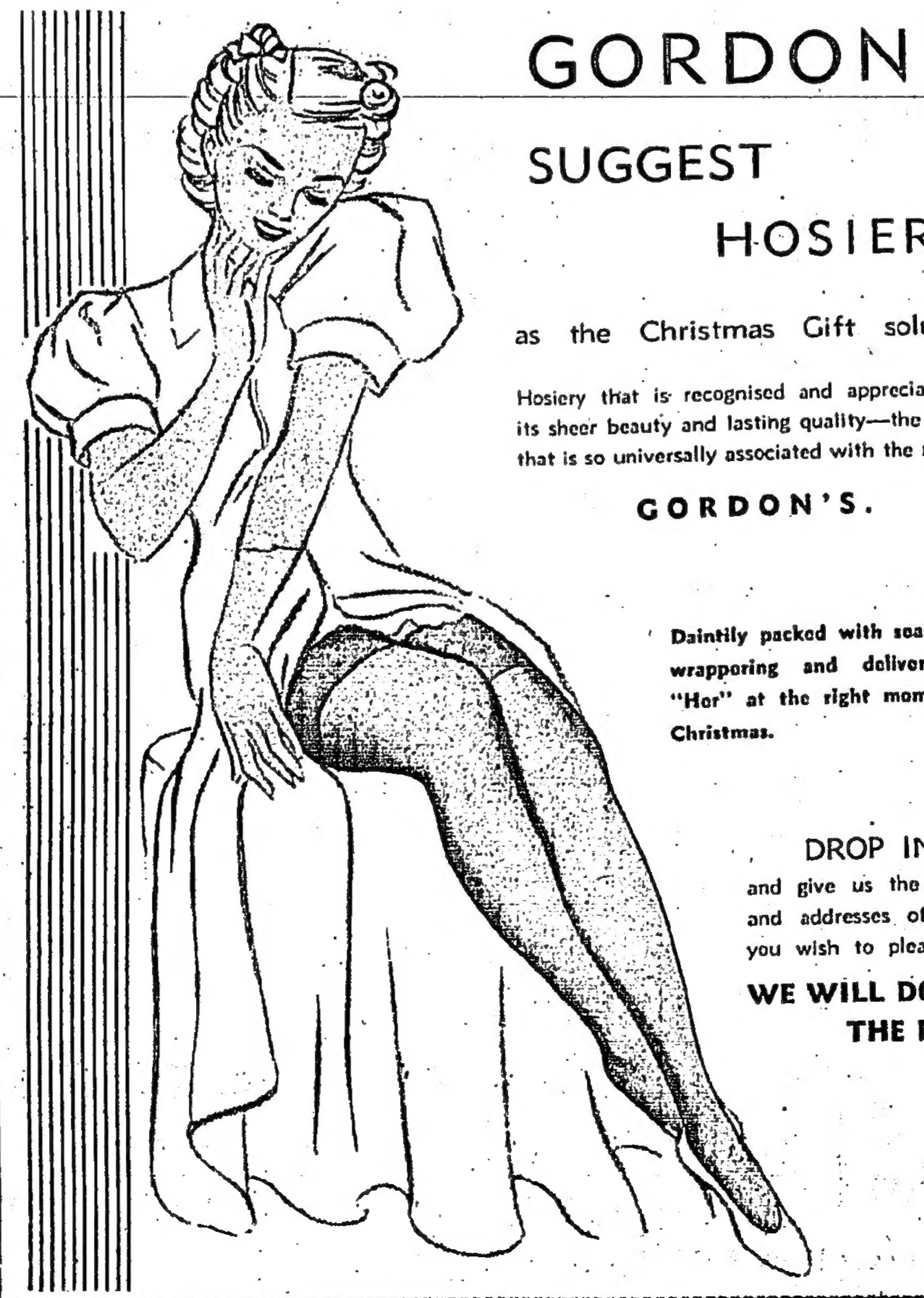
had failed to accomplish that purpose. Consequently His Majesty's Government must now ask to be informed what measures had actually been taken of a character which will put a definite stop to the incidents of which it complains.—Reuter.

Foreign Affairs Debate

London, Dec. 15. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Clement Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, asked the Prime Minister if he would be able to give before the Christmas adjournment, a day for discussion on foreign affairs, other than on the adjournment debate, with a full statement on general foreign affairs.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain replied he would bear Mr. Attlee's question in mind when making arrangements for next week's business, but he suggested that conversations should take place through the usual channels.

Signor Benito Mussolini's speech in connection with the withdrawal of British policy of seeking to strengthen the League within all possible limits, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, replying to a question from Mr. Arthur Henderson.—Reuter's Special.



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(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on One Fourth of the ordinary rate and to other places on One Third of the ordinary rate.
(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

AIR MAIL TIMES

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (Vancouver B.C., 27th November).	Emp. of Canada	December 16
Swatow	Holhow	December 16
Japan	Jeypore	December 16
Straits	Kidderpore	December 16
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco, 17th November)	Kulsang	December 16
Japan	Pres. Pierce	December 16
Shanghai and Foochow	Sarpedon	December 16
Shanghai and Amoy	Sochow	December 16
Manila	Tjisondari	December 16
Straits	Adrastus	December 16
(Letters and Papers) London date, 18th November.	Anking	December 17
Bangkok and Swatow	Hakone Maru	December 17
Japan and Formosa	Kailan	December 17
Shanghai and Swatow	Katori Maru	December 17
Java	Klungchow	December 17
Shanghai	Tjisalak	December 17
Shanghai and Amoy	Victoria	December 17
Straits	Canton	December 18
Manila	Kwangtung	December 18
Shanghai and Swatow	Anshun	December 18
Direct Service—London date, 14th December.	Pres. McKinley	December 19
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways"	Luchow	December 20
Direct Service—San Francisco date, 8th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 20

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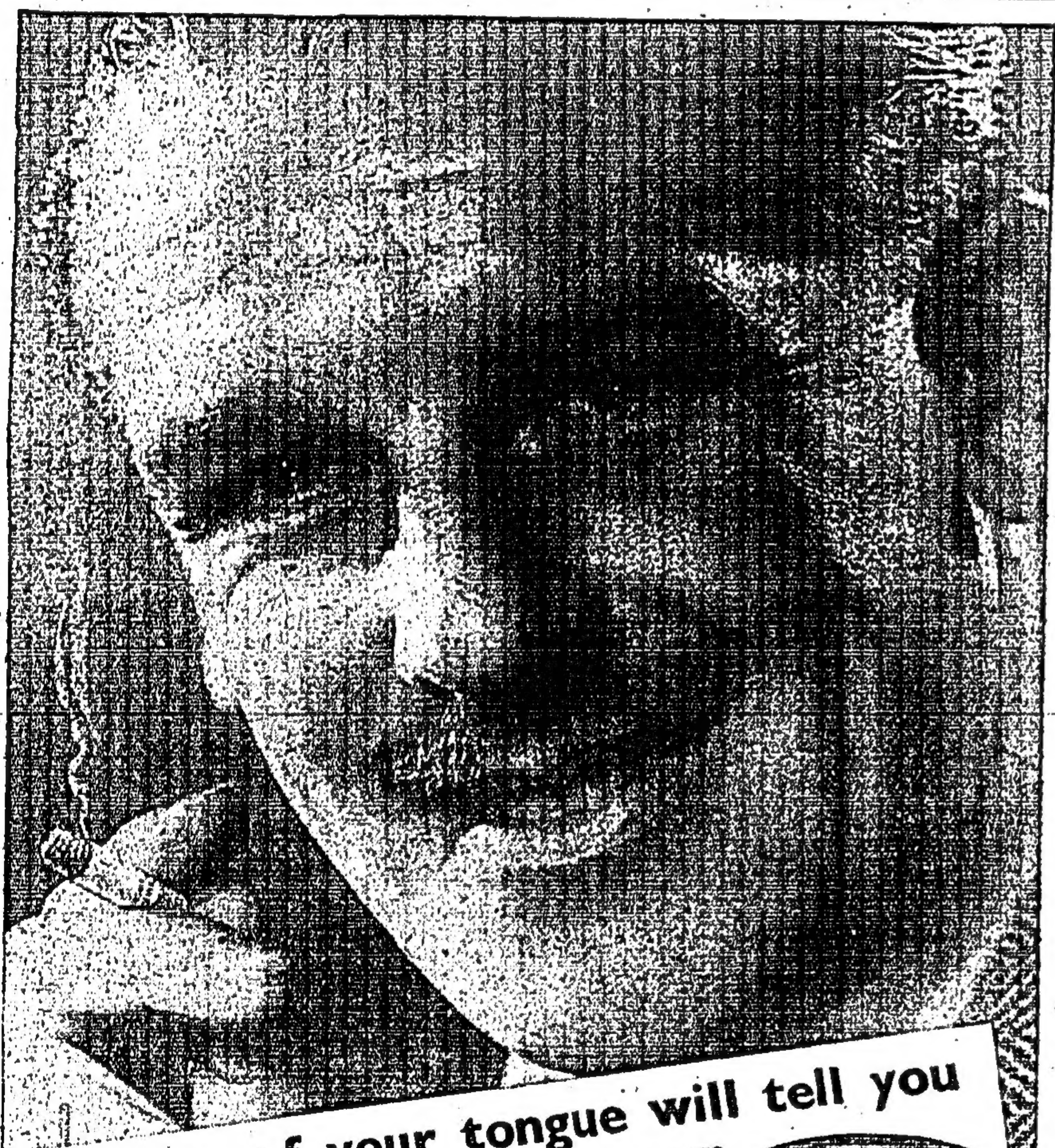
For	Per	Date and Time.
Japan and "San Francisco—due San Boku Maru"	Thurs., Dec. 16, 1.30 p.m.	
France, 10th January 1938.	Thurs., Dec. 16, 1.30 p.m.	
Straits and "Europe via Marseilles"	Behar	Thurs., Dec. 16, 1.30 p.m.
—due Marseilles, 10th January 1938	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
*Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Reg., Dec. 16, 1.45 p.m.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Ord., Dec. 16, 2.30 p.m.	
Manila	Hindenburg Thurs., Dec. 16, 4.30 p.m.	
*Straits and Calcutta	Emp. of Canada	
Thurs., Dec. 16, 5.00 p.m.		
Parcels, Dec. 16, 5.00 p.m.		
Ord., Dec. 17, 5.30 a.m.		

Friday

Semshul and Wuchow	Chung On	Fri., Dec. 17, 8.15 a.m.
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Batavia and Sourabaya	Reg., Dec. 17, 9 a.m.	
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kong moon)	Tjisondari	Fri., Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand	On Lee	Fri., Dec. 17, 10.00 a.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 28th December	Change	Fri., Dec. 17, 10.00 a.m.
*Straits and "Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th January, 1938 and London—due Thursday Island, 28th December"	Parcels, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.	
Formosa, Japan and "Europe via Marseilles"	Reg., Dec. 17, 9.45 a.m.	
Siberia	Ord., Dec. 17, 10.00 a.m.	
Holhow	Sarpedon	Fri., Dec. 17, 10.00 a.m.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (due Marseilles, 10th Jan. 1938)	Parcels, Dec. 17, Noon.	
Hakone Maru Fri., Dec. 17, 3.30 p.m.		
Anking	Parcels, Dec. 17, 4.15 p.m.	
Katori Maru	Ord., Dec. 17, 4.30 p.m.	
Reg., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.		
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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

S. C. & F. New York, Dec. 15. The 50 cents advance in the price of Pittsburgh steel scrap is the first advance for a week. Simultaneously, "Iron Age" estimates steel production at 27-1/2% of capacity, which is the first time for three months that the figure has not shown a decline. It is reported that there was some switching into building shares from motors. Business in Bethlehem steel shares was extremely active. Some traders are encouraged by President Roosevelt's impending utility conference, but the market, for the present, anticipates holiday irregularity.

Curb stocks were firm, but business was dull. Bonds were irregularly lower, with United States Government issues higher.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market drifts meaninglessly, awaiting news. Chances at present seem to favour higher prices over the near-term. Cotton: Quiet and narrow conditions prevailed to-day and buyers are cautious on the advance. Bombay sold, but there is a long straddle interest here to the extent of 750,000 bales.

Wheat: The December position here reflects the strength of the Winnipeg market. Exports are small. There has been beneficial precipitation in the South-West. Out of 10 brokers, 7 are bullish and 3 are neutral.

Corn: Unfavourable weather is curtailing the movement of the crop. Exports to-day totalled 1,000,000 bushels. Out of 9 leading brokers, 5 are bullish and 4 are bearish.

Rubber: Consumption for November totalled 33,084 tons. Business to-day was disappointing. Hedging against c.i.f. was a feature of the market.

Prices were firm on indications of a revival of interest on the part of tanners and manufacturers. Stocks were well held.

Sugar: The market to-day was stagnant.

Crude oil production, as issued by the Petroleum Institute, for the week ended December 11, totalled 3,414,000 barrels, against 3,397,000 barrels the previous week.

Electricity production during the same period, according to the Edison Electric Institute, amounted to 2,195,000,000 k.w.h., a decrease of 2.1 per cent from the corresponding period of last year.

Dow Jones Averages Dec. 14. Close
30 Industrials 123.50 124.09
20 Ralls 31.30 31.28
20 Utilities 21.35 21.40
40 Bonds 93.58 93.43
11 Commodity Index 53.63 53.77

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 15. The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters:

New York Cotton		
Opening	Closing	
Dec. 8.10/10	8.10/10	
Jan. 8.13/13	8.10/10	
Mar. 8.21/21	8.10/20	
May 8.23/23	8.23/23	
July 8.27/27	8.25/25	
Oct. 8.33/33	8.31/31	
Spot	8.20	

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

New York Rubber		
Dec. 14.05 n	14.05 n	
Mar. 15.25/24	15.15 /15	
May 15.35/33	15.29 /30	
July 15.45/47	15.39b/40a	
Sept. 15.50/48	15.47b/50a	
Sales for the day:	1,410 tons.	

The last Notice Day for December Rubber is Dec. 29.

Chicago Wheat		
Dec. 86 /05 1/2	86 /05 1/2	
May 92 1/2 /02 1/2	92 1/2 /02 1/2	
July 87 1/2 /07 1/4	87 /87	
Tuesday's sales:	17,892,000 bushels.	

Chicago Corn		
Dec. 58 3/4 /50 1/2	58 3/4 /50 1/2	
May 59 1/2 /50 1/2	59 1/2 /50 1/2	
July 59 1/2 /50 1/2	60 /60	

The last Notice Day for December Grains is Dec. 30.

Winnipeg Wheat		
Dec. 117 3/4 /110 1/2	118 /118 1/2	
May 117 3/4 /110 1/2	118 /118 1/2	
July 112 3/4 /113	112 3/4 /113	

The last Notice Day for December Winnipeg Wheat is Dec. 31.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

Sandler assisted by Samchitini (Cello) and Byfield (Piano); Gipsy Melody (Nelson and Knight); Soliloquy (Murray)... Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

8.30 London Relay—'At The Black Dog.'

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9 London Relay—Light Orchestral Music.

9.10 London Relay—'Food for Thought.'

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 English Ballads.

Sink, Red Sun (Coleridge and del Riego)... Muriel Brunskill (Contralto); Ballads Of Yesterday (No. 2—del Riego)... The Hon. W. Brownlow (Baritone); Coming Home (William Villibby)... Essie Ackland (Contralto); Ballads Of Yesterday (Guy d'Hardelot)... The Hon. W. Brownlow (Baritone).

10.10 Waltzes.

Sweetheart—Waltz (J. Strauss); 'The Quaker Girl'—Waltz (Manckton)... Drink, Drink, Brother, Drink—Waltz (Bendix)... Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

10.20 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—'Foolin' Myself; Old Man Moon (film 'Topper')... Harry Roy and His Orchestra; Tangos—Fortuna; Fireflowers... Robert Renard Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trots—'Whispers In The Dark; Stop You're Breaking My Heart (film 'Artists and Models')... Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Waltzes—Vienna Citizen; Indian Summer... Orchestra Mascotte; Slow Fox-Trot—A Message From The Man In The Moon (film 'A Day at the Races'); Quickstep—No More You... Gerry Moore (Piano) with Siring Bass and Drum; Fox-Trots—She's My Lovely; 'I'm Happy When You're Happy (from 'Hide and Seek')... Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra.

11 Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

12.30 a.m. 'Over the Hill Came Love.'

1.40 a.m. The Boyd Neel String Orchestra.

3.40 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 8.45 a.m.

9 a.m. Big Ben, 'Empire Exchange.'

9.15 a.m. Jack Hill and his Music, with 'Alex Penney' Soprano.

10 a.m. Big Ben, 'Food for Thought.'

10.20 a.m. Light Music by British Composers.

11.10 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 11.15 a.m.

11.30 a.m. The Escape of the Calypso.

4.15 p.m. Big Ben, 'Times of London.'

6.10 p.m. 'Food for Thought.'

6.35 p.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 6.45 p.m.

6.55 p.m. The Chamber Music of Schubert.

7 a.m. Big Ben, 'English Country Dances.'

7.15 p.m. Jack Hill and his Music with 'Alex Penney' (Soprano).

7.30 p.m. To be announced.

7.45 p.m. Sportmen Talking.

8 p.m. The Celebrity Trio.

8.30 p.m. 'At The Black Dog.'

9 p.m. Light Orchestral Music.

9.10 p.m. 'Food for Thought.'

9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 p.m.

10.15 p.m. Big Ben, 'Big Bill Campbell and his Hill-Billy Band.'

10.45 p.m. 'The Cheeky Cheese.'

11.15 p.m. The Portsmouth Municipal Orchestra.

12 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 12.15 a.m.

12.20 a.m. 'As I See It'—1.

12.30 a.m. The Hotel Victoria Orchestra.

1.20 a.m. 'At The Black Dog.'

1.30 a.m. Music by Strauss.

2 a.m. Big Ben, 'The News and Announcements.'

Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.

2.30 a.m. Music in African Life.

2.40 a.m. Wyndham Lewis, at the BBC Theatre Organ.

3 a.m. 'Christmas is Coming.'

3.30 a.m. The Messiah (Händel); Part I.

4.35 a.m. Interval.

5.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 5.30 a.m.

5.45 a.m. 'Stop Dancing.'

6 a.m. Variety, with 'The Four Aces' in 'Gangster Rhythm.'

6.30 a.m. 'Long-distance Listening.'

7 a.m. 'Long-distance Listening.'

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PRISON REFORM

The report of the Committee which has been investigating the overcrowding of Hongkong prisons, and other matters vital in the satisfactory administration of these institutions, was laid before the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon. The first reaction resulting from its perusal, even among those who may have had a suspicion of what was to come, must have been amazement. Incredulity was only banished by the closer study of a truly remarkable document; remarkable for two reasons, primarily: its exposure of a condition of affairs which can only be described as astounding, and its concise recommendations for the remedying of obvious evils.

The Committee discloses that for years the system of supplying prisoners with food has existed only in name. In point of fact it was no system at all, in the true sense of the word. The cost of feeding the thousands of persons who pass through the institutions annually is twice that entailed in providing food for ordinary coolie labour. The prisoners, it is learned cost more to feed than do the policemen who arrest them. On this topic it is felt the Committee has not gone far enough. There is room for a wider investigation of the prison catering of the past. The remedy suggested is for separate tender for foodstuffs by weight. It is also put forward that prisoners might very well cultivate their own vegetables, providing the land is made available. It is done in other parts of the world. Why not in Hongkong?

The fact is that there is no such thing as "hard labour" in Hongkong's prisons. The prisoner's working day is 6 hours and 30 minutes, including periods for exercise and congee. In three days a prisoner-cobbler turns out one pair of Chinese slippers. These are facts which the Committee has put before the Council. And it seems, moreover, that the Committee had difficulty in discovering just what work the prisoners are given. The reason is not ex-

WILL HE BECOME KING?

IN a turreted sixteenth-century Flemish castle, reflected in a tranquil lake and guarded by friendly trees, a handsome young aristocrat of sombre mien awaits the call he confidently expects to occupy a throne in Vienna.

Archduke Otto's eventual restoration to the kingship of Austria is believed to be the heart's desire of the present ruler, Chancellor Schuschnigg. He views a restored monarchy as the strongest bulwark against Nazi domination of Austria.

Threatening violent opposition to Otto's enthronement are the Little Entente neighbours (Yugo-Slavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania), who fear their independence may be jeopardised by an attempt to re-establish the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Otto Habsburg, pretender to the throne of Austria, is 25 years old. Since he was a small child his mother has been intriguing to get him this throne . . . so far without success.

So diligent was the studious lad that he now speaks German, Hungarian, English, French, Italian and Spanish. He has taken his degree as Doctor in Sociological Sciences. It was the reward of a 368-page thesis in French on "The Agricultural Laws in the Danubian Regions."

For this royal scion the path to high destiny is the strait and narrow way. Is it possible for a Habsburg to renounce a romance? Certainly no sentimental entanglement has been allowed to prejudice the career of the Archduke Otto.

It is related that one radiant sunny spring morning a lovely young Hungarian princess walked in the Steenockerzeel Castle grounds with the would-be king. There was magic, intoxication in the air. The young pair strolled side by side in a golden silence.

Suddenly the prince broke the spell. "Do you know how extraordinarily industrious ants are?" he asked.

"I am afraid not." So he launched into a detailed description of the habits of the insect world.

No light amusements for this young man. He all but abstains from smoking and drinking, rarely attends the theatre, and if he sees films, prefers the educational type. His daily reading embraces the European newspapers and volumes of history and biography. No worthwhile book on Napoleon escapes his study.

On the whole Otto's life has been sheltered and secluded. His present personal domain consists of two rooms in one of the castle turrets—a study and

Otto Habsburg and the Castle of Steenockerzeel, where he now lives in exile

a tiny bedroom. His cabins he calls them, because of their limited size and unpretentious equipment. A simple iron bed, a table, washstand, wardrobe and radio set comprise the furniture of his bedroom. Over the castle as a whole the

CHARACTER IN EARS

A STUDY of the human ear, as an index to character and disposition, will reveal much that is interesting and surprising.

Women seem to live in a state of chronic indecision as to whether they should show or hide their ears, and as to whether they should or should not adorn them. But the unprotected ear of man offers all the time to the trained eye of the physiognomist a handy index by which he can observe and sum-up more or less accurately its possessor's virtues, vices, inclinations, habits, and capabilities.

Some students of physiognomy declare that there are indeed scientific reasons for believing the ears to be quite reliable guides to character. They say that just as the face is usually of something like the same shape as the parent tree, so the ear in shape and form is often very like to the head itself.

Square Strength

It will be found that much more can be learned from the shape of the ear than from the size. A curiously-shaped ear is indicative of an unusual personality, or may point to some sort of eccentricity.

The man whose ears are very round—like a half-circle—is restless, impatient, head-strong, impulsive, affectionate, and warm-hearted. An ear unusually broad at the centre often denotes selfishness and bad temper. Such a man is likely to be more pleasant in company than in the home circle. Square ears belong to strong characters, earnest, deep-thinking, mystical, or religious, but deficient in cheerfulness and optimism.

The long narrow ear—the ear of the "long-headed," shrewd, and wise man—is also the ear of the

literary man, the poet, and the artist. If it is fleshy as well as long, its owner will probably be something of a dreamer, but kindly, and even-tempered.

A long loose lobe at the base of the ear is very frequently the mark of great literary ability. In the case of business men, of a social disposition, alert, active, and home-loving, this lobe is often completely absent. It is also absent in the typical detective ear, that has at the top a blob of flesh believed to be a surviving relic of the sharp-pointed ears of some of our animal ancestors that were clever hunters.

Suspicious Natures

Many noted detectives are said to have had this kind of ear, and for this reason have found effective disguise extremely difficult. Men with pointed ears may be taken to have a bent towards search and inquiry, and have often a suspicious and distrustful nature.

Large ears belong to the intelligent; to the man who is still educating himself. Remarkably small ears often indicate brilliancy in some one direction. "Never trust a man with thin ears," has almost become a proverb; but no one likes to have a very "thick ear," no matter how he has come by it.

The position of the ears is important. If the external opening is situated far below the eye, the individual will be a thinker, a writer, a preacher, one whose brain and mental powers are much occupied. Men of the sporting world, active, and keen of sight and hearing have their ears set rather high and not too close to the head.

Ears that lie close to the head reveal a nature that is modest, retiring, and refined. Very prominent ears that stand out widely from the head are said to denote that their possessor loves money, and also that he will very probably get it.

D. Astbury.



atmosphere of a royal court prevails and the strict etiquette of the days of the Emperor Franz Joseph is preserved. Otto, who receives visitors in a grand salon, is addressed as "Your Majesty" and even his four brothers and three sisters speak of him as "The Emperor."

The widowed Empress Zita sees to that. Hers is the ruling spirit of this austere household. Single-minded, strong-willed and devout, she has a vivid sense of the Habsburgs' place in history and never for one moment allows her children to forget it.

When, if ever, Otto ascends the throne of Austria, he will owe his crown to the driving force of this determined little woman.

With modest means she has raised Otto and his brothers and sisters in a strict, almost puritanical atmosphere.

Remember that this Prince has spent most of his youth in exile, on a limited income. It is said that the family were so hard-up at one time that the boy Otto had to remain at home for a couple of days while his only pair of shoes was at the cobbler's.

He who would regain the throne of the Habsburgs needs must be educated in the science of killing. Otto's instruction in the arts of war has been the task of a German, Count Degenfeld, formerly professor in the Austro-Hungarian Military Academy. The Count relates that one day he was describing to Otto the campaign of the Archduke Karl against Napoleon.

The Prince sat with flushed cheeks and sparkling eyes, his boyish imagination stirred by the tale of battles of long ago—when suddenly Zita's chamberlain strode into the room and protested: "The Empress does not like the young Prince to be excited."

This carefully-tended stripling has now attained manhood and as he stretches out his hands toward the iron crown of St. Stephen, what aims has he nurtured in his breast? "I will not be an absolute monarch," he has said. He dreams of a corporate State, with himself at the head; and the trend of his vision may be inferred from the fact that he has expressed admiration for the "genius" of Mussolini.

In such a State a Socialist party would have no place. Otto would banish it from his kingdom, for he regards all Socialists as dangerous advocates of class warfare.

Without their aid he would seek to achieve peace and unity.

Though not impulsive, the Archduke is daring. He is confident that his hour will come. When his advisers in Vienna assure him that the moment has struck, Otto will not hesitate to take the supreme risk.

Johnson Murray

WIVES 'EASIER DIVORCE' RUSH THREATENS TO CAUSE CHAOS IN COURTS

Poor Persons' Adviser Prepares For New Law

(By A Special Correspondent)

Unhappy wives threaten to swamp the divorce courts with applications when Mr. A. P. Herbert's "easier divorce" Act begins to operate in January.

Solicitors throughout the country are being consulted by an unprecedented number of women who hope that the Act, by extending grounds for divorce, will afford them the freedom they have long desired.

Hundreds of wives hope to turn their separation orders into divorce decrees that would enable them to remarry.

I learn that the situation has caused some apprehension in official quarters. "A question is to be asked in Parliament about the provisions for the anticipated great increase in applications by poor persons."

Mr. A. Hassard-Short, who since 1914 has sat as secretary in the Poor Persons' Department beneath the Divorce Courts, and has personally dealt with more than 70,000 poor persons' applications, has already planned the reorganisation of his department to cope with the divorce rush. Staff and accommodation are being enlarged.

NO SPEED-UP PLANS

No arrangements have yet been made for speeding up reforms in the Divorce Courts above, apart from the decision to appoint another Judge, making the total four.

Suggested reforms have been discussed. It is feared that unless they are promptly carried out the existing machinery will be unable to cope with the divorce rush—certainly during the first six or twelve months.

Recently two divorce judges—the President, Sir Boyd Merriam, and Mr. Justice Bucknill—were occupied with appeals from magistrates' orders. The third, Mr. Justice Langton, was faced with a list of thirteen defended cases.

Much of the judges' time is at present taken up with Admiralty work—so that divorce petitions are crowded out for months.

Investigations I made yesterday show how well founded are the fears of a great divorce rush in the spring. Examined figures that are now in the hands of officials.

11,000 SEPARATION ORDERS A YEAR

They were obtained by a Home Office committee in 1934. It was then calculated that the yearly number of police court separation orders made on the grounds of cruelty, desertion, failure to maintain, failure of parental duty, totalled eleven thousand. There were then fifty thousand such orders in operation.

They were still being made at the rate of ten to eleven thousand a year when Mr. Herbert's Bill came before Parliament.

These figures cause alarm because a large proportion of the orders are in respect of desertion. Under Mr. Herbert's Act, desertion, for three years or more, will constitute a ground for divorce.

Wives with years-old orders for desertion now plan to seek divorce. Wives who were hoping for an order for desertion held their hands when Mr. Herbert's Bill came along, and now await the New Year and the operation of the new law.

I was told recently: "Many wives will sue for divorce rather than seek a magistrates' order."

THE NAVY TO HAVE ITS OWN AERODROME FIRST SINCE END OF WAR

R.A.F. STATION MAY BE TAKEN OVER

Early next year, it is understood, the Admiralty may take over the R.A.F. station at Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire. This station has served for 14 years as the School of Naval Co-operation, one of its principal duties being the training of naval officers as observers for the Fleet Air Arm, writes, Hector C. Dywater in the Daily Telegraph.

On Jan. 1 the Naval Co-operation School is to be transferred to the new R.A.F. station at Ford, Sussex, and the large and well-equipped establishment at Lee-on-Solent may then pass entirely under naval control.

This would be one of the first results of the Government's decision, announced in July, to end the system of dual control of the Fleet Air Arm and grant the Admiralty full administrative powers over all ship-borne aircraft, whether they are actually aloft or ashore.

PROVIDING ALL PERSONNEL

Previously all naval aircraft landed from ships, together with their naval personnel, came automatically under the jurisdiction of the Air Ministry, and many anomalies resulted.

Another result of the administrative change will be the eventual replacement of all R.A.F. pilots in the Fleet Air Arm by naval officers. Hitherto the Navy has provided only 60 per cent. of the pilots, though all the observers were naval officers.

If the Lee-on-Solent station is taken over by the Admiralty, it will be the first air station to be owned by the Navy for 20 years.

It will be manned and operated like any other naval establishment, though some R.A.F. officers may be temporarily attached for instructional purposes.

To cope with the impending expansion of the Fleet Air Arm—the strength of which will probably be quadrupled during the next few years—the staff of the Naval Air Division at the Admiralty is to be increased. Rear-Adm. J. H. D. Cunningham, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Air), is in general control of Fleet aviation matters.

Woman Aviator Honoured

Miss Gayle Pond, social worker, aviator and journalist, claims the distinction of being the only American woman ever to hold a British pilot licence.

To College In Scooter

Fred. Craig, Connecticut State College freshman, who fractured an ankle in a fall from a tree, solved the problem of keeping up his class work by using a scooter bike. Resting his injured foot on the bike, he propelled himself about the campus without discomfort.

Sex War Threatens to Divide Broadcast House

Women Push Out The Men

(By Garry Allighan)

THE B.B.C. IS BEING RUN BY A 'PETTICOAT GOVERNMENT'

Men at the B.B.C. are now proposing to use the staff association, which is being formed, to safeguard their positions.

They say that women are getting all the key positions and that the whole organisation at Broadcasting House is coming under their control.

On the board of governors, the supreme body of the B.B.C., two of the five members are women. They



Dr. A. S. Calhoun of Mount Olive, Miss., with Nurse Evelyn Sharnbrook, 15th of the patients to whom she is ministering a deadly brand of exsiccated sulfanilamide as an infection cure. Although later she knew the medicine might be fatal, she continued her work as above. Government agents raced with death to recall 700 bottles.

WIFE WAS TOLD "CUT SOB STUFF"

Love Letters Not Silly, Says Judge

Letters to his wife from Engineer-Lieutenant Commander Francis Henry Lee, R.N., of the destroyer Impulsive, were described by Mr. Justice Bucknill in the Divorce Court as "rather cold for a young husband."

Commander Lee, who lives in Coves (I. O. W.), petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage, alleging adultery by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Marguerite Unlake Lee, of Marlow Road, Kensington, with Major Francis Edward Morley Clarke, Gurkha Rifle (retired), of Newton Ferrers, Devon.

Both Mrs. Lee and Major Clarke denied on oath that they had committed adultery. The petition was dismissed with costs and Major Clarke was dismissed from the suit.

Of the husband, Mr. Justice Bucknill said that he showed "a complete lack of the very necessary give-and-take if the marriage was to be a success; he regarded love-letters as silly."

The judge went on: "Perhaps, from an engineer's point of view, they may be—but, from a human point of view, they are not. In his letters he never got beyond calling his wife 'Dear Elsie'. The attitude towards his wife is well illustrated by a letter he wrote to her less than a month after the marriage. It was as follows: 'You talk as if one moment away from me was some terrible affliction from which you will never recover. . . . Be prepared to cut out the 'sob' stuff. . . . Be prepared to live where I want you to live; no tears, or fits of sulks. . . .'

JUDGE AND WIFE

Of the wife, the judge said: "So far as the wife was concerned it was a marriage of convenience. . . . It has been said that she was cold, calculating and not passionate. 'She has also been described as a woman of brazen impudence, my opinion of her—and a man always puts a woman's character forward with diffidence—is that the guiding principle of her life was to maintain herself and her mother by honourable means, and it was for that reason that she married.'"

New Coal-Loading Mark Set

The Chesapeake and Ohio coal docks here have established a new world record for loading coal into vessels. Their big dumping machines turned 95,602 tons of coal into the holds of 13 boats within a 24-hour period.

"Found Loose" Mail Saved

Postal authorities here have established a special "Found Loose" department for the benefit of persons who absent-mindedly attempt to mail from 1,200 to 1,500 odd articles every month.

WOMEN IN KEY JOBS

Doris Arnold, who joined the B.B.C. as a typist and became staff pianist, is the first and only woman variety producer.

For some time many listeners have been unaware of the fact that one of the most successful producers of radio drama was a woman.

The names of plays were printed as being "produced by M. H. Allen." But Mary H. Allen is in charge of the entire women's secretarial staff. Her play-producing was a sideline.

Mrs. K. M. Lines, who is in charge of the photographic section, was once Sir John Reith's secretary.

Other women in key positions are Mary Adams, the television make-up expert; Miss G. M. Freeman, the staff supervisor; Mrs. D. Barry, who provides 70,000 lunches in the B.B.C. canteen every year; Mrs. Towler, the receptionist, who as Caroline Banks was supervisor of the women's staff.

No wonder the male staff talks in terms of a sex 'twar.'

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay from London: Food for Thought

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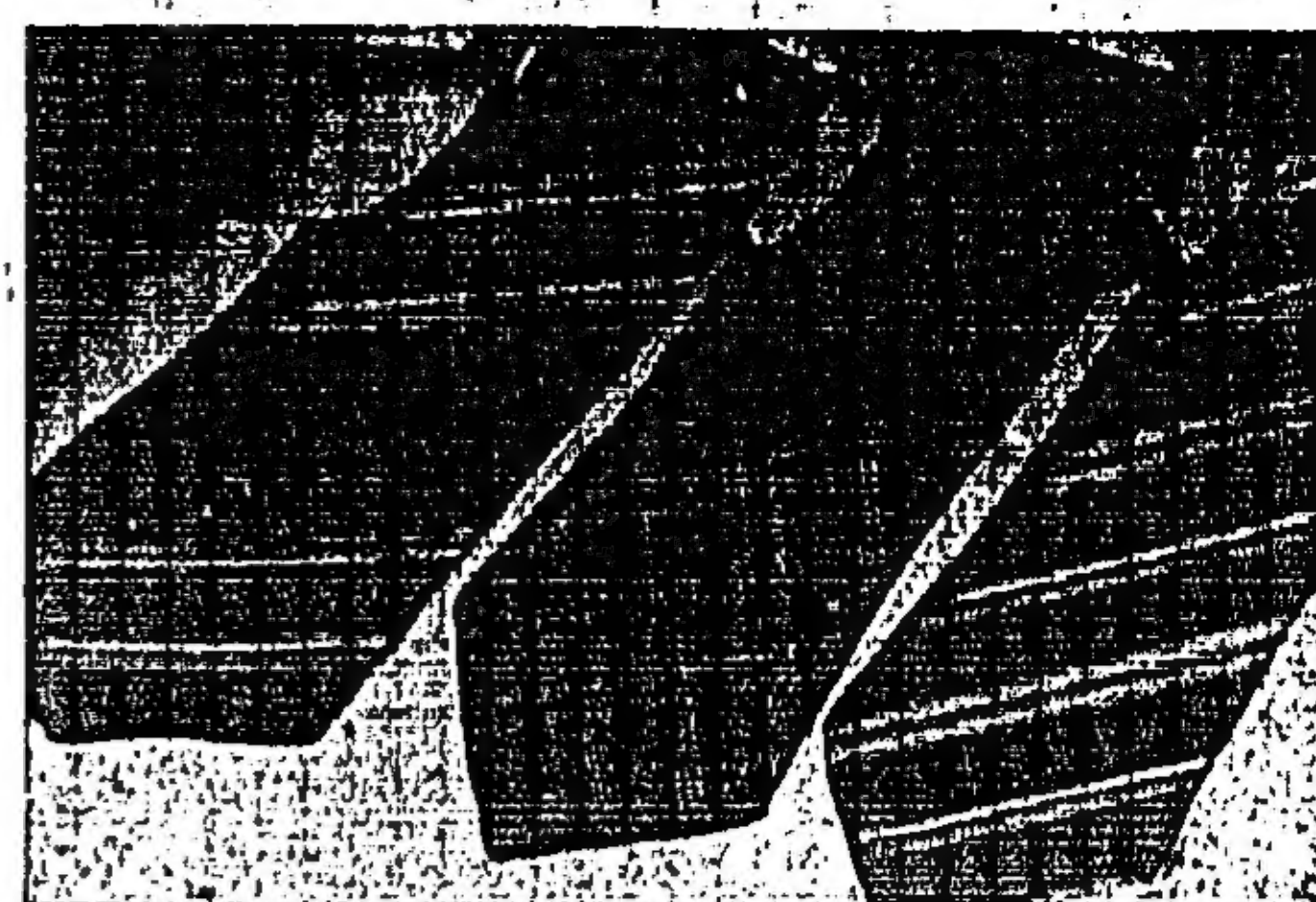
12.0—12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral. 12.30 Patricia Rossborough (Piano). Linelight—Selection: Hot Dog (Chir-Carter); Poor Little Rich Girl Selection.

12.40 Latest Dance Records. Fox-Trot—The First Time I Saw You (Film 'Toast of New York'); The Folks Who Live On The Hill; Can I Forget You (Film 'High, Wide and Handsome')... Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Peckin' (Film 'New Faces of 1937'); Big Apple... Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Ragtime Cowboy Joe; Sailing On The Robert E Lee; Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins. 1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report. 1.05 Mark Weber and His Orchestra.

'The Flower Of Hawaii'—Selection (Abraham) with Comedy Harmonists (Quartet in German); The Skaters—Waltz (Gung'li); Talkie Hits—Medley, 1932 (Borchert); 'Fanfare'—Selection: Tales Of Autumn—Waltz (Waldteufel); Blanche Or Brunette—Waltz (Waldteufel).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 New Variety Records. Orchestra—Going Greek Selection... New Mayfair Orchestra; Vocal—You Needn't Have Known It A Secret (O'Connor-Silver de Murcia); Goodnight To You All (Denby-Watson)... Morton Downey; Orchestra—Sunshine In Spring—Waltz (De Curtis-Baumann); Land Of Love—Fox-Trot (Melchior-Hoyne)... Eugen Wolf and His Orchestra; Comedian—I Never Thought That She'd Do That To Me; Let's All Have A Charabanc Ride (Miller)... Max Miller; Vocal and Piano—Paris Is Not The Same (Marvell-Strachey); Singing For You (Hachforth)... Leslie Hutchinson; Orchestra—Saxophone Fireworks—Fox-Trot... Eric Hardman Dance Orchestra. 2.15 Close Down. 5-8.05 European Programme. 8.05-11 Chinese Programme. 5 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong-kong Hotel. 1. Make a wish; 2. I'm feeling like a million; 3. Yours and Mine; 4. Your Broadway and My Broadway. 5.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W. 5.22 6. Vienna; 6. Public Melody Number One; 7. Whispers in the Dark; 8. Stop! You're breaking my heart. 5.35 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W. 5.45 9. It Looks Like Rain; 10. High, Wide and Handsome; 11. Kisses on Broadway; 12. The Big Apple. 6 Studio—Children's Concert. 6.45 Light Opera. 'Merrie England' (German); Waltz Song; 'The Maid of the Mountains' (Fraser-Simson); Love Will Find A Way; Helene Esserman (Soprano); 'A Country Girl'—Selection (Mencolton)... London Theatre Orchestra; 'The Beggar Student' (Millock-Zell-Gence); Ich Knappte manche zarte Bande; Ich hab' kein Gold, bin vogelfrei... Hans Fidesser (Tenor). 7.05 New Variety. Organ—Dixon Hits No. 16... Reginald Dixon; Orchestra—The Acacia Blossoms Twice; More Stars Than There Are In The Sky; Once I Had A Dear Mother; The Sun Is In Love With The Moon... Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra; Vocal—Sea Winds (Aske-Harrison); Full Sail (Graves-Buck)... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). 7.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report. 7.30 Orchestra. Medea—Overture (Cherubini)... Milan Symphony Orchestra Cond: Lorenzo Moljoli; Portsmouth Point Overture (Walton)... The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra Cond: Adrian Boult. 7.45 London Relay—'Sportmen Talking'; W. W. Wakefield, M.P. 8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert. 11 Close Down. 8.05-11 p.m. European Programme from Z.B.K. On a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles. 8.05 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra. Song Of Paradise (R. King); Always (From 'Puritan Lullaby'—Smith)... Violin Solo by Albert Sandler assisted by L. Sametini (Cello), S. Torch (Organ); The Second Serenade (Heykens); Song Of The Nightingale (Hudson and Allibout)... Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; The Violin Song (From 'Tina'—Rubens); L'Heure Exquise (Hahn)... Violin Solos by Albert (Continued on Page 5.)



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ST. JOHN'S FIRST DEFEAT IN BADMINTON LEAGUE

BEATEN BY THE C.R.C.

A BETTER BALANCED SIDE WINS

(By "Abe")

Rather unexpectedly, St. John's badminton players suffered their first defeat in the "B" Division of the League yesterday evening when they visited the Chinese R.C. and were beaten by six games to three. Re-shuffling of the Chinese pairings and the inclusion of S. W. Liang, a former "A" Division player in the team were contributing factors to the Chinese success.

The late arrival of Norman Smith, although it had nothing to do with the final result, seemed to have an unsettling effect on his team-mates in the first round; certain it is that the game started a little late on this account, and the Rev. A. J. Bennett, the captain, had at least on one occasion to go to the telephone in an effort to locate the missing player. This may or may not have had anything to do with Bennett's display, but he definitely was not up to his usual form in the first match when he and F. H. Kwok were badly beaten by S. W. Liang and Choy Ping-fan.

Having seen both teams in action—the Chinese were minute Liang when I saw them—I certainly thought St. John's had the better-balanced team. On last night's play, however, the boat was on the other foot. The scores prove this; each Chinese pair won games to give the side victory by 6-3.

OMINOUS START

The start was a little ominous for the visitors. Their first pair, Bennett and Kwok, never recovered from a bad start against Liang and Choy, who were combining effectively, and were beaten to five. Choy's agility and Liang's steady influence were the features of this game. I fully expected this Chinese pair to win all three sets, and it came as rather a surprise when, in their last game, they were defeated by G. A. Smith and A. Keown.

When Norman Smith arrived, almost an hour late, he unfortunately had to go on the court almost at once without the benefit of a preliminary knock-up; and it was not surprising that he and P. D. Wilson were quickly polished off by Liang and Choy. Throughout the evening, neither Smith nor Wilson was seen to real advantage, and they had to concede all three games.

G. A. Smith and A. Keown did well to win their first game, against Y. W. Lee and C. F. Chiu. The Chinese played an enterprising game, but found the "adroit angled shots" of Smith a constant source of trouble. Smith and Keown were their best against Liang and Choy, Keown ris-



Players who took part in the badminton league match last night between the Chinese R.C. and St. John's. Front Row (left to right):—P. B. Wilson, N. Smith, F. H. Kwok, P. F. Choy, Y. W. Lee. Back Row (left to right):—A. Keown, A. J. Bennett, G. A. Smith, S. W. Liang, P. C. Leung, C. F. Chiu and C. Y. Yung.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

The Boat Race

J. C. Cherry, president of Oxford University Boat Club, stated recently that the probable date of next year's boat race is April 2, when the tide is favourable at 2.30 p.m.

PECULIAR INCIDENT

A peculiar incident occurred when N. Smith and Wilson were in play against Lee and Chiu. A weak return by Chiu presented Wilson with an easy "kill" and the latter gave the shuttle a terrific smack. Lee was standing quite close to the net at the time and the shuttle hit his spectacles with such force that a glass was dislodged. Fortunately the glass did not break and Lee, after putting it back in place, was able to continue. The Free Lances were hard pressed by the Club de Recreio in the only other match played during the evening, and won only by the odd game. Scores:

C.R.C. v. ST. JOHN'S

S. W. Liang and P. F. Choy (C.R.C.) beat P. B. Wilson and N. Smith 2-5; lost to G. A. Smith and A. Keown 12-21. C. F. Chiu and Y. W. Lee beat F. H. Kwok and Bennett 21-18; beat Wilson and Smith 21-17; lost to Smith and Keown 17-21. P. C. Leung and C. Y. Yung lost to Kwok and Bennett 13-21; beat Wilson and Smith 21-17; beat Smith and Keown 21-14.

FREE LANCES v. RECREIO

A. L. Fisher and F. W. Clark (Free Lances) lost to E. A. Alves and C. M. da Silva 4-21; beat M. M. Soares and N. Beltrami 21-17; beat C. C. Pereira and A. A. Noronha 21-10. J. L. Anderson and C. B. Boyd beat Alves and Silva 24-22; beat Soares and Beltrami 24-21; beat Pereira and Noronha 24-21. L. D. Skinner and H. Harris lost to Alves and Silva 10-21; lost to Soares and Beltrami 5-21; lost to Pereira and Noronha 7-21.

LEAGUE TABLE

Games.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. John's	4	3	1	0	22	14	6
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	0	30	15	6
C.R.C.	4	2	2	0	21	15	4
Free Lances	3	2	1	0	10	17	4
Recreio	3	1	2	0	14	13	2
St. Andrew's	3	0	3	0	2	25	0
University "C"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TENNIS RANKING SURPRISES

Miss Stammers Has Not Earned Her Place

By Stanley N. Doust

London, Nov. 9.

The Lawn Tennis Association issued yesterday the official Ranking Lists for 1937 as follows:—

Men.—1, H. W. Austin (2); 2, C. E. Hare (4); 3, C. R. D. Tuckey (6); 4, H. G. N. Lee (5); 5, D. W. Butler (8); 6, H. F. David (—); 7, C. M. Jones (12); 8, F. H. D. Wilde (10); 9, *D. McPhail (—); 10, *R. A. Shays (—); 11, J. S. Olliff (—); 12, *M. D. Deleford (—); and *E. J. Filby (—).

Women.—1, Mrs. D. L. Little (1); 2, Miss R. M. Hardwick (5); 3, Miss M. C. Scriven (10); 4, Miss K. E. Stammers (2); 5, Miss M. Healey (9); 6, Miss J. Saunders (7); 7, Mrs. M. R. King (3); 8, Miss F. James (4); 9, Miss E. M. Dearman (—); 10, *Mrs. E. C. Peters (—); 11, *Miss M. E. Lumb (—); 12, Miss N. M. Lyle (11).

* Indicates ranked for first time.

The figures in parentheses denote positions in the 1936 lists.

There has never been a ranking list that pleased everybody. The 1937 official list certainly does not. I am the first to admit the difficulty of arriving at the exact merit of one player as compared to another, yet I feel the committee have been influenced more by performances in previous years than results this year, especially in the case of the women.

COULD NOT PLAY

Miss Stammers, placed No. 4, could not play in many tournaments owing to ill-health. She did not do well at Wimbledon and on past form was selected for the Wightman Cup team. She failed to win in the States and has not played in England since she lost at Wimbledon.

Why, then, is she placed before Miss M. Healey and Mrs. King? The former has been most successful and should, on current form, be higher in the list.

There is no quarrel with the selection of Austin or Mrs. Little (Miss Dorothy Round). Hare deserves second place, and Tuckey the third. I am glad to see that Butler has jumped three places. He is very near Davis Cup standard.

McPHAIL'S PLACE

McPhail, of Scotland, might have been placed at No. 6—although David has been successful, but he has not played in many tournaments. Shays, Deleford, and Filby come into the list for the first time. But why is Shays placed so low down? Has Lee done anything this season to warrant him being placed No. 4, good as was his old form?

Miss Mary Hardwick is to be congratulated on her rise to Britain's second best player. I have no quarrel with her ranking nor with the placing third of Miss Scriven, which justifies the criticisms levelled at the selectors when they did not select her to play for the Wightman Cup.

Mrs. E. C. Peters must be gratified that her sterling perseverance has at last been recognized. Miss Lumb probably has been put into the ranking list because she was selected for the Wightman Cup team.

Miss Lyle ought, in my opinion, at least to be level with Miss James; Miss Stammers ought not to have been ranked at all because of insufficient data—the reason why G. P. Hughes is absent from the men's list.

Middlesex Wins At Rugby

London, Dec. 15.

One match in the County Rugby Championship was played to-day, Middlesex defeating Sussex by 16-3 at Teddington. At the White City, the Police beat the Royal Navy comfortably by 17-5.—*Reuter*.

F.A. CUP REPLAY RESULTS

Cardiff's Fine Performance

London, Dec. 15.

The following are the results of matches played in the F.A. Cup:—
SECOND ROUND
Mansfield 2 Lincoln 1
Crewe 2 New Brighton 2
Bristol C. 0 Cardiff 2
York 1 Clapton O. 0
Brighton 6 South Liverpool 0
—*Reuter*.

St. Andrews to Stage Walker Cup Match

A powerful attack on British amateur golf is certain next season when the Walker Cup match will be played. The date fixed for the biennial International match is June 3 and 4. This will be played on the Old Course at St. Andrews, where three of the four previous contests in this country have been decided.

In view of the fact that a special subcommittee has been appointed by the Royal and Ancient club to select and prepare a team for the International match, it is hoped that America's unbeaten record in this series will be ended next year.

TO PLAY FOR TITLE

The American players will almost certainly arrive in England in time to take part in the Amateur Championship, which will be decided at Troon, beginning on May 23. When the Walker Cup match was last played in this country W. Lawson

WEEKLY HOCKEY NOTES BY "THE PILGRIM"

SAINTS DEFEAT C. B. A.

Caer Clark Cup Match

In the only Caer Clark Cup fixture played last week, St. Andrew's Ladies defeated the C.B.A. Ladies by three goals to two on the C.B.A. ground at King's Park after a fast and interesting encounter.

In less than a minute, Miss P. Gittins, at centre forward, dashed through the sprendengled C.B.A. defence in a brilliant solo effort to test Miss Moss with a terrific drive from close range. The C.B.A. goalie made a partial clearance, but Miss E. Charn ran through to score, however.

The C.B.A. right flank, with Miss Best and Mrs. Stoker, got going and after 10 minutes, Mrs. Stoker equalised with an easy goal, Mrs.



Miss B. Parsons C.B.A.'s brilliant left back.

Rose mis-kicking badly. The C.B.A. forwards seemed more precise in their attacks and were soon rewarded when Mrs. Stoker gave her side the lead off a pass from Miss Best.

At the other end, the Saints' attack returned with renewed vigour. Miss F. Wong, in a dangerous raid down the right wing, crossed a beauty to Miss P. Gittins, who rammed-in a first-timer-to-level-the score.

At the resumption, the Saints were early attacking and it seemed the C.B.A. defence would crack up, but Miss P. Parsons at left back came to her side's rescue with brilliant clearances.

Though Miss I. Woolley, Mrs. Trill and Miss Clewer put up a stout defence, there was no stopping Miss P. Gittins. Taking advantage of a delayed hit by Miss Parsons, the Saints' leader swung into action and made no mistake with a snap goal. It was unfortunate for the C.B.A. left back as she had previously broken up many promising movements of the Saints' forwards.

Mrs. White, at centre forward for the C.B.A., worked hard but Miss J. Wong, the Saints' pivot, gave her very little rope. Miss Moss, between the sticks, was in excellent form and saved many almost certain goals. The Saints deserved their victory.



Miss P. Gittins St. Andrew's speedy centre forward.

Little of America, who is not now eligible to compete, won the British title.

Arrangements for the Open Championship next year have already been made for the Royal Cinque Ports course at Deal beginning on July 4, with the qualifying rounds being played at Deal and at Royal St. George's, Sandwich. It is doubtful whether there will be such a strong challenge from America as there was for this year's championship.

Weak Army Side Loses To The Club

"Triangular" Tourney

In their first hockey match of the Triangular Tournament against the Army at Sookunpoo last Tuesday, the Club defeated their nearest rivals by 3 goals to 1. The fast smothering attempts by the Club attack proved sound tactics throughout the game. I say smothering because some of the forwards indulged in too much barging, and the umpiring in one half in particular was far from satisfactory.

Play was brilliant in spasms but I must confess that spectators were treated to a combination of hockey, rugby and soccer. The game was nevertheless interesting. Army were without three of their best defensive players, Datta Ram, right back, L/Cpl Ray, right-half, and Cpl. Land, centre-half; Stickley, Ritchie and Stapleton filling the vacancies.

Exchanges were pretty even during the first ten minutes until Divett got past Stickley and Swanson to give the Club the lead with a smart goal. The Army came back strongly and Austen sent Pariaub away down the left-wing; the latter drew Wallace out, dribbled the ball past him and crashed in a terrific shot which Benwell deflected into play. Pritam Nath was soon on the scene to level the score. Play went to the other end with Club doing most of the attacking.

CLUB TAKES LEAD
The interval was in sight when Divett again found the net off a short corner to give his side a 2-1 lead. Club was still the better side when the teams changed over. Bates, W. A. Reed and Potter were seen to advance, making splendid openings for their forwards. Whitley was given a chance to score on two occasions but he failed badly. Divett, Bickford and Bond, however, were breaking through the Army defence but Wilson came to the rescue with beautiful first time clearances made with both feet.

After a mix-up between Fowler and Swanson, Bickford got possession of the ball and again sent it out to Fowler for the latter to send in a stinging drive which left Wilson standing. Thereafter, the Army left flank, with Pariaub and Gopal Ram, made desperate attempts at penetrating the Club defence but Wallace was there all the time. E. V. Reed, at left—back—gave his partner magnificent support. The Club attack did splendidly and was well supported by the defence.

For the Army Sawal Khan, Pritam Nath and Pariaub played well but their halves were lacking in energy and were never up with the attack. Ritchie and Stapleton were seldom in the picture; Austen was also beaten by first time tackling. There was little to choose between Stickley and Swanson though they worked like trojans. Should the Army field their strongest XI in their return encounter the Club will find them hard to beat.

THRILLING GAME ON SUNDAY

Brilliant Moves By Forwards

The 22 players who took part in the annual match between the Civilians and the Service last Sunday provided a really interesting struggle. Spectators saw plenty of thrills, especially towards the end of the second half when the Services dominated play.

Perfect combination by both sets of forwards, who demonstrated brilliant stickwork, good bucking by the halves, and well-timed clearances by the backs were the order of the day. The cream of local hockey talent was on view, and the game, which was one of fluctuating fortunes, was definitely worth seeing.

Highlights of the game were the lightning raids made by the Civilian forwards on the Services' goal in the first half. Fowler, G. Singh, Pyara



Pariaub Diminutive Services' left winger.

Singh, Pinto and Bond combined with perfect understanding and penetrated the Services' defence time and again. Both wingers sent in beautiful long centres, and the halves Brown, Reed and Malik, were on top of their form, making splendid interceptions and feeding their forwards well.

Guest seemed the safer of the two backs. The strong sun playing on E. L. Gosano's spectacles prevented him from getting his eye in.

Though the shols which best Ramzan were lucky goals scored from close range, nevertheless the Civilians' goal-keeper was far below his usual form.

FINE SERVICE DEFENCE

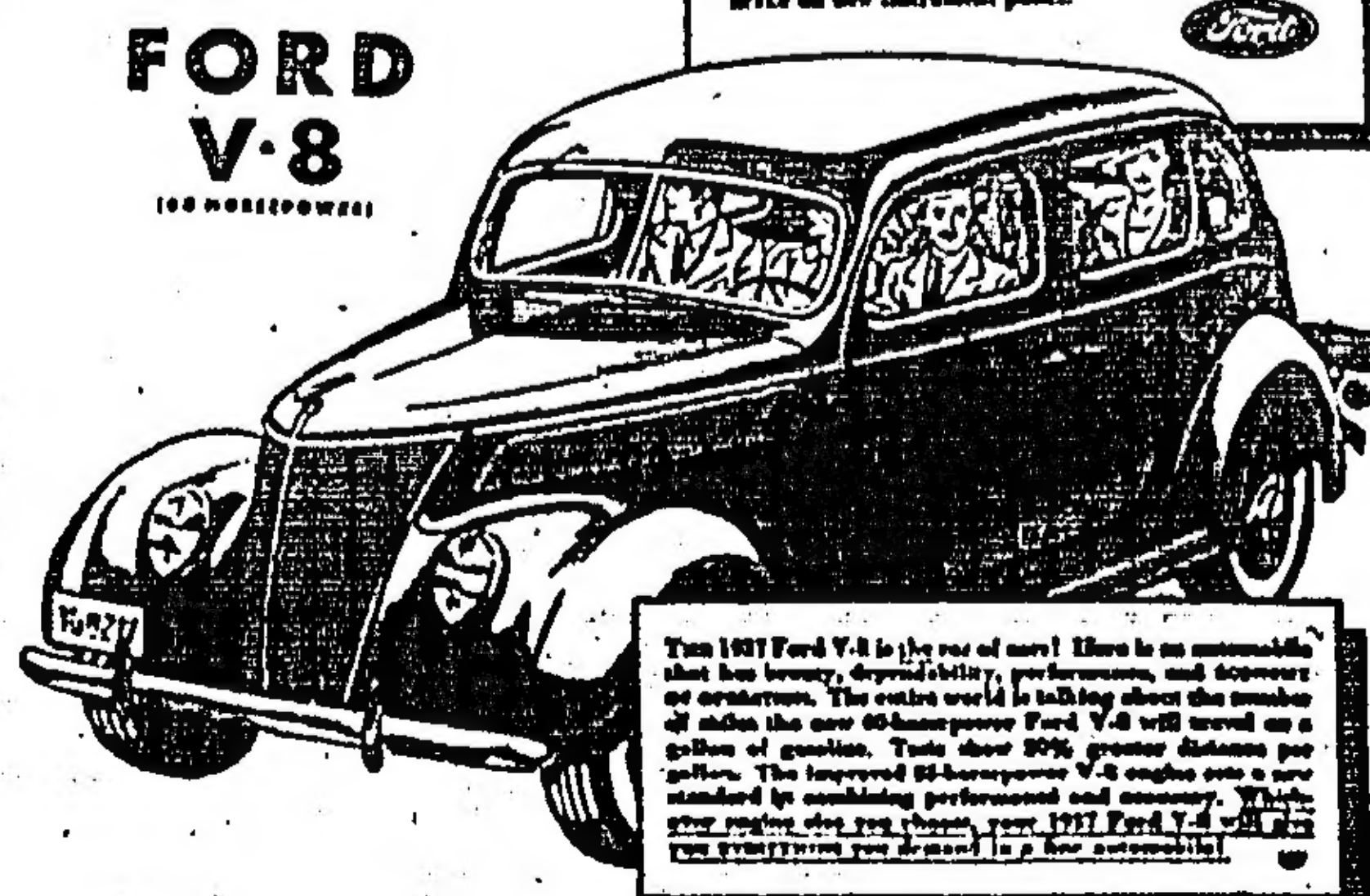
It seemed at the outset that the Civilians' dash would be too much for the Services and that a swamp of goals would be the outcome; but the way in which the latter's defence met the onslaught was admirable.

In the second half, the Services

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1937.

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WEEKLY HOCKEY NOTES

(By "The Pilgrim")

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responded with interest. Most of the work fell on Land at centre half and Wallace at full back. The former's anticipation of movements was amazing; time and again he brought promising runs down the centre by Pyara Singh to an abrupt end. Spencer, at left half, also had Fowler subdued. Pritam Nath, as leader of the attack, proved a genius at ball distribution, though his stickwork was not as flashy as Pyara Singh's. Sawal Khan was a great opportunist. Parthab treated spectators to his characteristic dashes down the left wing, but he often wasted his efforts as he either infringed the sticks rule or ran the ball out of play. Bond, the Civilians' left wing, gave a more polished display. Both teams were at their best and the result, I should say, was a satisfactory one.

REPLAY SUGGESTED

Since the match, I have been approached by several Services' and Civilian players regarding the feasibility of a replay. Personally I think it is a very good idea. The Interport is still a long way off, and I would like to suggest that a replay be fixed as soon as possible, say December 26 or 27.

I was about to nominate my Interport team, but I find it yet too early, and since the Navy has several good players of the calibre of Lieut. Miller, I shall have to watch them in action before making my selection. Should the Civilian-Services replay materialise, I shall make every effort to forecast my Colony XI soon after.

BRAUN CUP ENCOUNTER DRAWN

Recs & Saints Score One Each

Prior to the C.B.A. v. St. Andrew's match last Saturday, the Club de Recreo and St. Andrew's shared two goals in a splendid game in the Braun Cup Competition.

The Recs did well to hold their opponents to 1-1; but had their forwards been more on the alert the team would probably have earned an extra point.

The Saints started the ball rolling with a player short, Miss Arnold being ten minutes late. The Recs took the offensive and Miss Remedios, Miss Botelho and Miss Alves, backed by Miss P. Goncalves, were often in the circle; but Miss J. Broadbridge and Miss Chung kept them out with hard hits.

Nevertheless the Recs' attack kept on pressing and after ten minutes, Miss Goncalves scored a nice goal, Miss J. Hall being unslighted.

With the arrival of Miss Arnold, the Saints took things seriously. The attack, led by Miss Ho who was assisted by Miss Churn and Roberts, gave the Recreio defence a hot time of it. Miss C. Botelho, at left back, and Miss Barros, however, rose to the occasion and kept their goal intact until the interval arrived.

SAINTS EQUALISE

On changing over, the Saints looked more energetic, Miss Ho in particular being a live wire. After 15 minutes, she weaved her way through the Recs' defence to equalise with a well-placed shot.

The Recs in turn made desperate attempts to regain their lead, but Miss Remedios and Miss Alves kept too far back to be able to seize the scoring opportunities offered. Miss M. Lawson, at centre half for the Saints, gave her forwards splendid support. Mrs. Noronha, at right half for the Recs, gave a greatly improved display, and Miss M. Roza was a fast right winger. Miss Y. Ho was the "brains" of the Saints' attack, with little Miss Greaves a splendid worker at left half. Miss J. Broadbridge, at right back, was brilliant.

Though the Saints were superior



Can the widow of a crook find peace in the arms of the U-Man whose bullets freed her from a life of crime? Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay give the answer in "Public Enemy's Wife." Warner Bros.' startling sequel to "Public Enemy," which opens at the King's Theatre to-day.

ARMY CRICKET To Meet Royal Navy In Triangular Tourney

The following have been selected to represent the Army in the triangular tournament match against the Navy on December 22 and 23 on the Hongkong Cricket Club grounds: Capt. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker, Lieut. R. D. MacLagan, Lieut. J. M. B. Ponty, Cpl. Jones and Bndmn. Cheney (Seafarths); Lieut. C. E. Godby (R.A.); Lieut. R. A. Barron and Q.M.S. Ward (R.E.); Lieut. L. C. Bendish, Lieut. M. P. Weedon and Pte. Hatfield (Middlesex); Reserve, Major G. P. Murray (Seafarths).

In the second half, on the run of the play a draw was a very fair result.

CURRENT NOTES OF INTEREST

MACAO players are warming up for their forthcoming Interport match with the Colony. Two weeks ago they trounced the Royal Corps of Signals to the tune of 8-1. According to G. Lammer, they are looking forward to the Hongkong Sports Club visit in January. The Radio Sports Club is also thinking of sending a team over sometime in January. Bill Colledge, I hear, will take a Wanderers team towards the end of January. Club de Recreo is pitching two of their best teams up during the Chinese New Year. So I can see the Portuguese team getting a lot of practice before they pay us a visit in February.

HONGKONG Ladies in general are about to take the Christmas and New Year holidays seriously! So seriously that they have abandoned the Caer Clark Cup and Braun Cup fixtures until January 8. Beware ladies! A short rest is always advisable but the rainy weather is setting in.

K. Hussain, the Secretary of the Hongkong Umpires Hockey Board is doing very well in his new job, catering for Umpires in Ladies' League games. He is still anxious for more support from Services' umpires. Last Saturday, he was seen to umpire two games in one afternoon, and this is just a bit too much for one man. I do hope Services' and Civilian will lend him a bigger hand in future. So far the ladies have completed half their season very satisfactorily and umpires are again asked to assist Mr. Hussain in seeing the other half completed.

I am pleased to see St. Joseph's College boys making such big strides in the game. A few days ago, they drew with a scratch Police team—a very creditable performance. It looks to me that one of the colleges is in the running for a stick. Come on, the C.B.S. boys! What about a game with the College lads? Show them you can play hockey as well as you can play cricket.

Who Will be England's Full-Back?

By Astral

London, Nov. 16. The trial season is upon us and the worries of the selectors are deepening. These gentlemen, like the members of the fourth estate who are concerned with Rugby football, do a lot of travelling about in the search for talent, old or new. Now the fruit of their honourable labours is about to be put to the test of actual selection.

First of the English trials will be played at Newcastle next Saturday fortnight, and on Thursday of next week we shall have the unofficial trial at Oxford, when R. V. Stanley's team of notabilities will be opposed to the Dark Blues. Last season England played ten new caps. I wonder how many recruits there will be to the international arena this season.

It is quite on the cards that the Oxford full-back, H. D. Freakes, will get his full recognition. He figured in the trials after the inter-variety match last season, but failed to displace Owen Smith. Now that the latter has retired, Freakes seems to be the most likely man to take his place.

ENGLISH BORN He is playing well and, as a long and accurate touch-finder, Freakes has no equal. I note Percy Rudd's reference to him as "faltering a little under pressure at Blackheath, and the critical ones will not forget how Macdonald "diddled" him in the varsity match last December. Still, he is a full-back of high quality, and I may point out to those who do not readily reconcile themselves to the idea of England playing one South African after another at full-back that Freakes was born in England.

You cannot wish for a better qualification than that. There are some good challengers, however, for the full-back's place in the England team. Parker, who was in the first trial at Worthington, is showing sound form for Gloucestershire, and Gerrard's revival in a new role for Somerset and Bath has focussed attention on this player, who has 14 caps to his credit as England's centre and who, in the seasons of 1932-33-34-35, did not miss participation in a single international match played by England.

One is apt to think of Gerrard as an old player. He is only a veteran, however, in respect to the number of years he has played. He started in his early teens at Rugby football, but there are many players actually older than Gerrard who have had far less experience. One of the best full-backs I have seen this season is Suter, of Surrey and the Old Cleeve. He may not possess Freakes' genius for touch-finding nor Parker's uncanny instinct for positioning himself almost to an inch nor Gerrard's gift of lustrous tackling, but he is a grand all-round performer. What is more, Suter never plays a bad game.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Good Scoring In Big Match Practice

Between 80 and 90 shooters took part in the spoon and practice shoot held by the Hongkong Rifle Association on the Army Ranges yesterday. Weather conditions were practically ideal, for the light was dull and steady throughout and the wind non-existent. The result was reflected in the unusually high scoring. C.P.O. Fellow shot brilliantly throughout, dropping only one point at 300 yards. He scored a possible at 500. At 600 yards, he started with three inners but remained in the bull till the end. L/Cpl. Tonner, of the Senforths, shot consistently well, returning 85, including 34 at 300. In the S.R.L. (a) class, Sgt. Dickell, R.M., took top place with 84, which was equaled by Nk. Bachl Singh, of the Kumonns. Twelve members made a score over 80, a good augury for the forthcoming Inter-Colonial Match.

At Stonecutters At a spoon shoot not open to members of the Regular Army at Stonecutters on Saturday Austin, of the Dockyard, won the nett S.R. (b) spoon with 85, and a handicap spoon was won by Haigh. A special practice will be held on December 28.

Lending scores yesterday:	S.R. (b)	300	500	600	Agg.
C.P.O. C. Fellow (Scr.)	34	35	32	101*	
L/Cpl. A. R. Tonner (3)	34	32	29	95†	
Cpl. E. T. Morris (Scr.)	32	32	29	93	
Sgt. C. R. Mannell (Scr.)	33	28	31	92	
Marine P. G. Heath-er (3)	31	31	30	92	
L/Cpl. A. W. Downing (1)	29	30	31	90	
Capt. F. G. Ratcliffe (Scr.)	31	33	26	90	
P.O. C. C. Clarke (3)	31	31	27	89	
Cpl. L. G. Miller (2)	29	30	29	88	
P.O. Tel. A. C. Hinds (5)	30	29	29	88	
Boy J. Payne (6)	26	32	29	87	
Surg. Lt. J. B. Mac-surg. (1)	28	30	28	86	
L/Cpl. A. Bonnell (5)	24	32	28	84	
Capt. I. B. Trevor (5)	28	25	28	81	
L/Sea. C. H. Knight (6)	22	30	28	80	

All the above competitors used the "1914" rifle.

S.R. (a)	300	500	600	Agg.
Sgt. J. C. W. Bickell (8)	26	32	26	84†
Nk. Bachl Singh (6)	28	29	27	84
L/Cpl. R. F. Lang-ford (6)	25	29	29	83
P.O. H. Richards (8)	29	27	27	83
Pte. G. Rawling (8)	27	31	25	83
Pte. A. Middleton (10)	27	29	26	82†
Cpl. G. Purnan Singh (4)	26	28	28	82
Pte. J. Lever (7)	24	31	26	81
L/Sgt. E. J. Jordan (7)	29	27	25	81
Pte. A. H. Cox (9)	28	26	27	81†
Pte. E. J. Moss (9)	25	28	27	80
L/Cpl. R. W. Powell (7)	23	29	28	80
2/Lt. A. O. Pullman (7)	31	26	22	79
Pte. T. Smith (10)	28	24	26	78
Pte. G. A. Young (11)	28	27	22	77†

* Denotes the winner of the "nett" spoon. † Denotes the winner of the "handicap" spoon. The handicap of each winner has been reduced by one point as shown. This procedure applies to all S.R. (a) and S.R. (b) Spoon Shoots.

FAST RUGBY MATCH

Soldiers Combine To Beat Club "A" Fifteen

Playing on the Club ground yesterday, the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the Royal Ulster Rifles combined to beat the Club "A" 13-10 in a fast rugby game after the Club had led 3-0 at the interval, a touchdown being scored by Hynes.

Good play was noticed, especially in the second half when Jones dropped a beautiful goal from a throw-in for the soldiers within five minutes from the restart.

Attacking soon after, the Club regained the lead through a penalty by Olliphant, but immediately after, a penalty was scored for the combined team by Rowlands. Further points were added when Fleming touched down between the sticks for Rowlands to convert. The Club reduced the lead by a try just before the finish.



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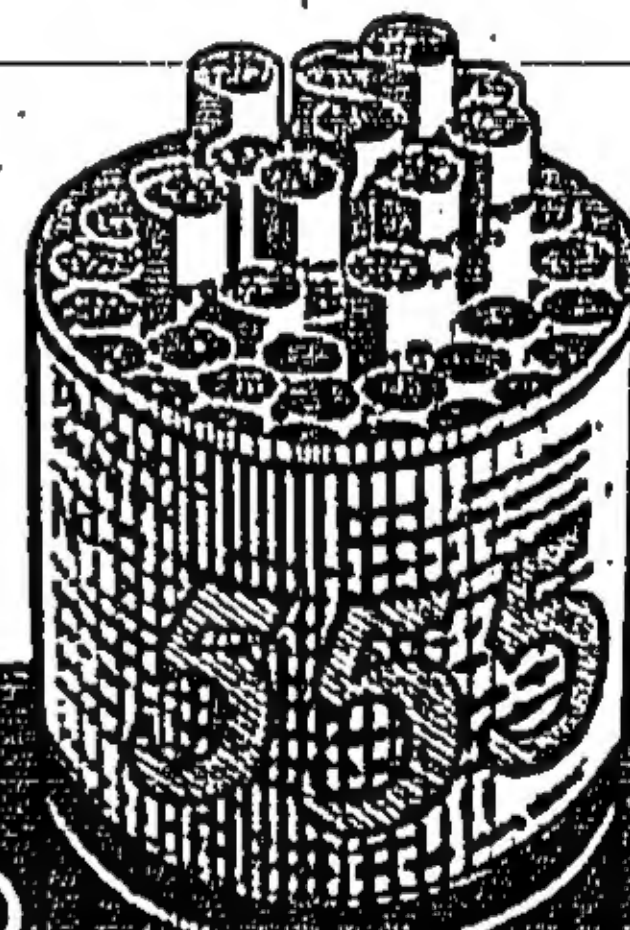
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Panay's Men Fought To Last Minute

Survivors Relate Tragic Story

Shanghai, Dec. 15. The Japanese flying-boat brought some of the Panay's survivors to-day to Shanghai Messrs. Marshall, Vines and Hodge who were picked up at Wuhu, also Flag-Captain G. E. M. O'Donnell, who was wounded in the attack on H.M.S. Ladybird on December 12, and who was picked up at Holsien. Captain Hughes was not aboard.

Mrs. Marshall, who did not know her husband was aboard the Japanese flying-boat, was overjoyed when he unexpectedly walked into the Cathay Hotel.

Messrs. Marshall, Vines and Hodge say that the Panay's survivors told them that the ship was hit by a Japanese naval plane and Japanese launches until they were forced to flee for their lives from the sinking ship.

Hodge, interviewed by Reuter, said, "When the bombing occurred I was off duty chatting with Captain Carlson on board the Mei An tied alongside the Panay. A bomb struck and set fire to the Mei An. Captain Carlson turned the wheel over to me and said he would beach the ship. Then like a man inspired he joined the crew and fought the flames. After the Mei An was beached Marshall, Vines and I started together through the countryside looking for help. Finally we were picked up by a Japanese army truck and taken to Wuhu."

Immediately the Japanese flying-boat landed in Shanghai, Flag-Captain O'Donnell was taken to hospital for X-ray examination.—Reuter.

PANAY FIRED BACK

Shanghai, Dec. 15. Messrs. Marshall, Vines and Hodge arrived in Shanghai unexpectedly

this evening from Wuhu on a Japanese seaplane. Mr. Marshall, interviewed by Reuter, said the Panay opened fire on the Japanese planes when they bombed and kept blazing away until the last minute.

"The planes dropped 12 bombs around the Panay and Socony ships," he said. "The visibility was excellent and the planes flew so low that it was impossible for them not to know they were attacking foreign ships. The first bomb hit the fore-castle of the Panay and when she began to sink the Captain ordered the ship to be abandoned. All passengers and crew jumped over the side. I was aboard the Mei An and helped unlucky Captain Carlson to pull up the anchor and get under way. I was aboard the Mei An when I was struck in the shoulder by a shell."

Mr. Marshall's condition is not serious but he is being sent to hospital suffering from exposure.—Reuter.

CAPT. HUGHES ARRIVES

Shanghai, Dec. 15. A Japanese naval spokesman announced that a Japanese seaplane arrived in Shanghai from Holsien with Captain Hughes and two other wounded survivors.—Reuter.

LIST OF UNINJURED

Shanghai, Dec. 15 (4 p.m.). According to a communiqué issued by the U.S.S. Augusta all the European, American and Chinese personnel aboard the Panay have been accounted for. Details of the Chinese personnel aboard the Standard Oil vessels are not available. It is believed many were killed.

Officers on the Standard Oil tankers uninjured are Messrs Pickering, Sherwood, Jorgensen, Mender, Blaisdell and Golding. Capt. F. N. Roberts, Assistant Military Attache to the American Embassy, was also uninjured.

Naval personnel uninjured were: Ensign D. H. Blawie, and Lieut. C. G. Grazer of the Medical Corps, Charles S. Adams (radioman), Tony Barba (junior ship's cook), John Bonoski (gunner's mate), Ernest C.

Branch (fireman), Walter Cheatham (chief pharmacist's mate), Coxswain John Dierhofer, Seaman Ting Ducey (mess attendant), Yuan T. Erh (mess attendant), Fred G. Fickens-Mayer (carpenter's mate), Enery F. Fisher (chief water-tender), Michael Cerent (machinist's mate), Joseph A. Granes (gunner's mate), Fireman Robert R. Hebard, John N. Hennessey (gunner's mate), Fireman John L. Hodge, William T. Hoyle (machinist's mate), Fon B. Huffman (water tender), Karl H. Kerake (coxswain), Karl H. Johnson (machinist's mate), Lester H. Klumpers (chief machinist's mate), Seaman William P. Lander, Ernest R. Mohlmann (chief boatman's mate), William A. McCalbe (fireman), Seaman Stanley W. McEwen, James T. Murphy (radioman), James H. Peck (quartermaster), Reginald Patterson (chief machinist's mate), Maurice D. Rider (coxswain), Seaman Antonio Rinaldi, Thomas M. Spindle (quartermaster), King F. Sung (mess attendant), John P. Tenny (coxswain), Homer W. Traux (boatman's mate), Seaman's mate) John T. Weber (yeoman), Gerald L. Welmers (machinist's mate), Marcus V. Williamson (fireman), Andy Wisler (radioman) and Far Za Wong (mess attendant).

SHANGHAI INDIGNATION

Shanghai, Dec. 15. Americans in Shanghai are indignant over the U.S.S. Augusta's statement, issued by Mr. M. C. MacDonald, that the Japanese landing party machine-gunned the Panay after bombing the American warship and later bombarded the ship despite the fact that the American flag was flying. It is noted that the Augusta's casualty list specified that three naval ratings were wounded by bullets instead of bomb splinters.—United Press.

H.M.S. DEE FIRED ON

London, Dec. 15. An Exchange Telegraph report from Shanghai says that the H.M.S. Dee was fired on during her rescue operations and apparently by Chinese batteries.—United Press.

French Keeping Japanese Out

Will Do Detective Work Alone

Shanghai, Dec. 15. The authorities in the French Concession to-day declined to permit Japanese soldiers to enter to search for Korean nationals who were charged with having attempted to bomb the Japanese naval landing headquarters at Hongkew during the Japanese advance on Nanking.

These Koreans are said to be hiding in the French Concession, whose police have undertaken to look for these persons instead of the Japanese themselves.

Unlike the International Settlement the French Concession has made no agreement with the Japanese concerning the passage of their troops over Frenchtown.—International.

Japanese Agents Arrive

Shanghai, Dec. 15. New secret service agents arrived here recently to watch the activities of Kuomintang men in the International Settlement and the French Concession. A Chinese report said that some of the men belong to the Anfu Club, well-known pro-Japanese clique, and others were personally trained by Lieut.-General Kenji Doihara.

These agents are now placed under the command of the Japanese headquarters here. Some of them will go to Nanking and will engage in circulating manifestos and other political work.—International.

Shanghai Curfew to Go

Shanghai, Dec. 15. The curfew will be removed on Christmas and New Year Eve.—United Press.

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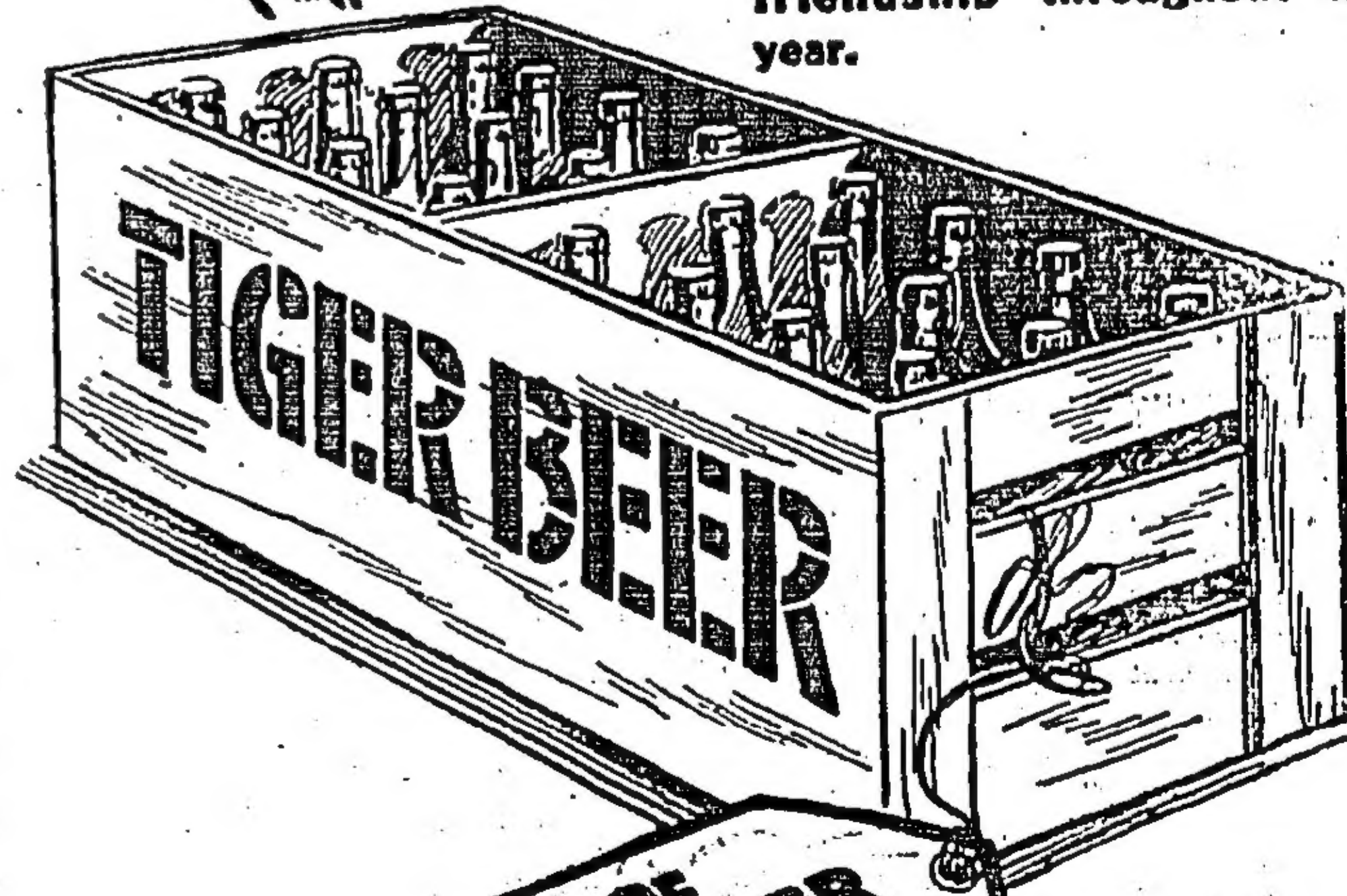
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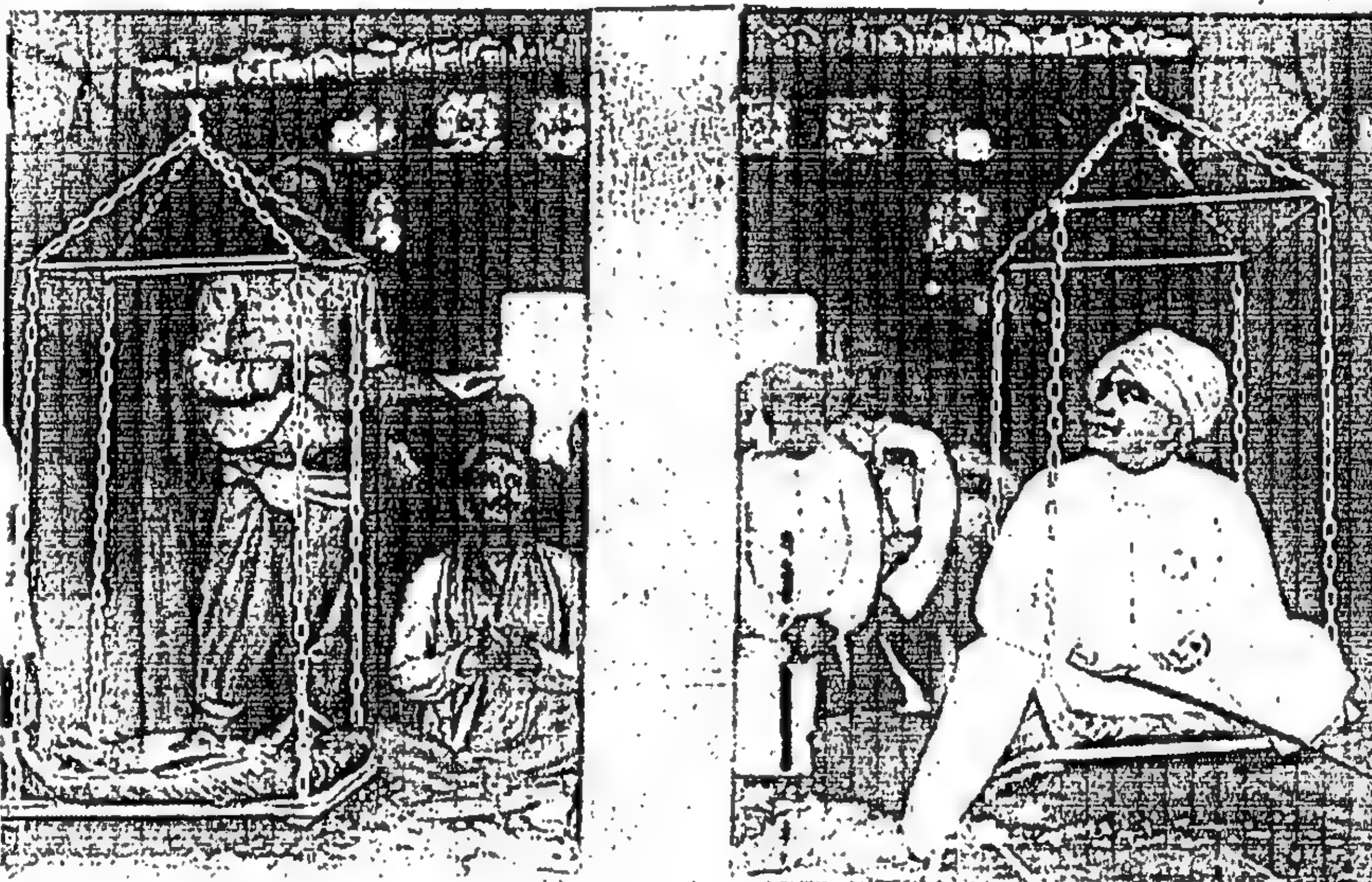
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English girls belonging to the Health and Beauty League who took part in the Lord Mayor's Show. They were warmly applauded for their smart attractive turn out.



When the Maharajah of Bikaner recently celebrated the completion of 50 years of reign, he devoted to charitable and beneficent purposes a quantity of gold corresponding to his own weight. The picture shows the Indian prince being weighed with the gold offerings on the other end of the scales.



Young recruits of the Chinese army being vaccinated before going to the fighting line. The recruit in the picture is only a boy, but he is typical of the types who are rallying to the colours.

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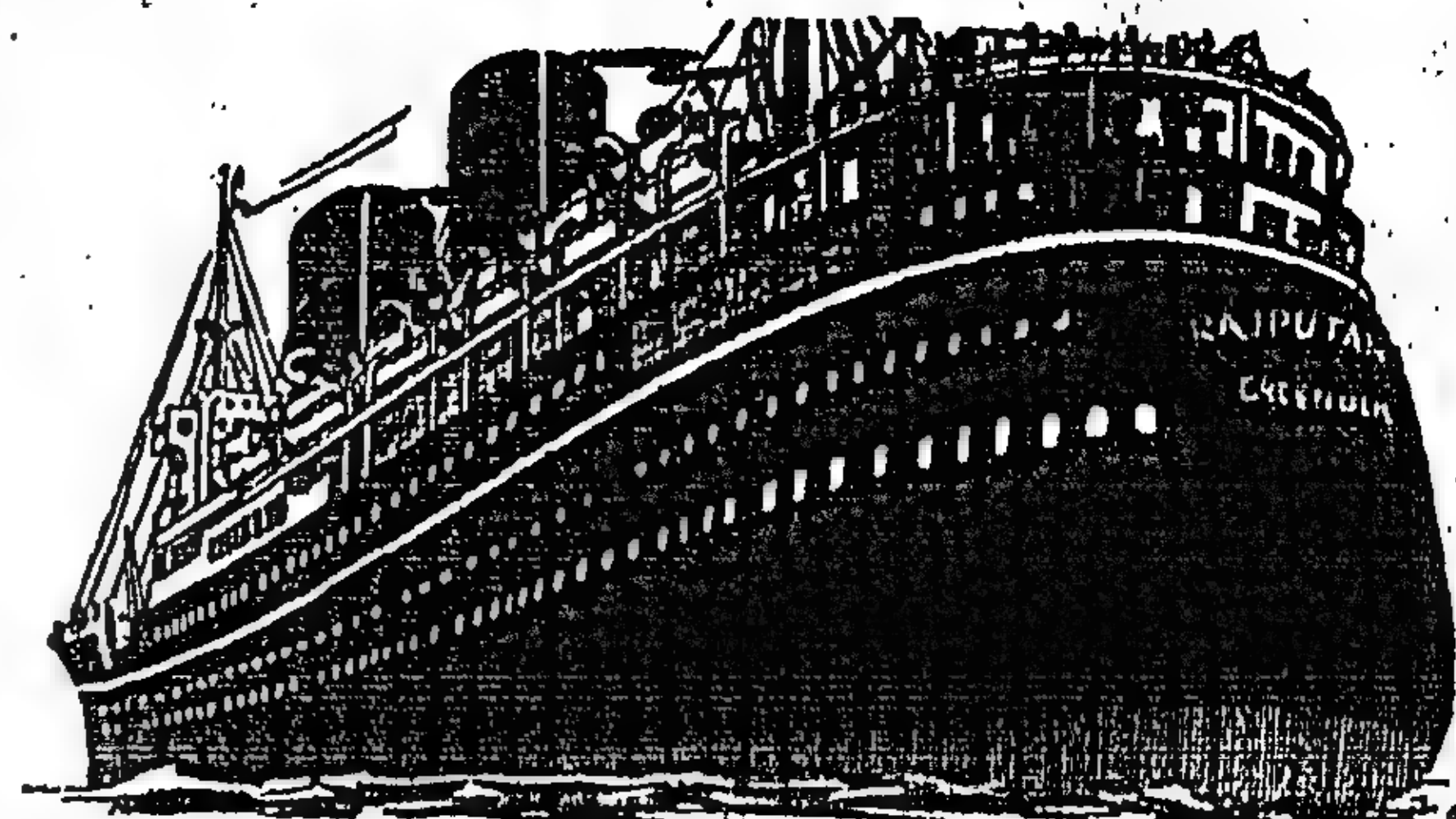
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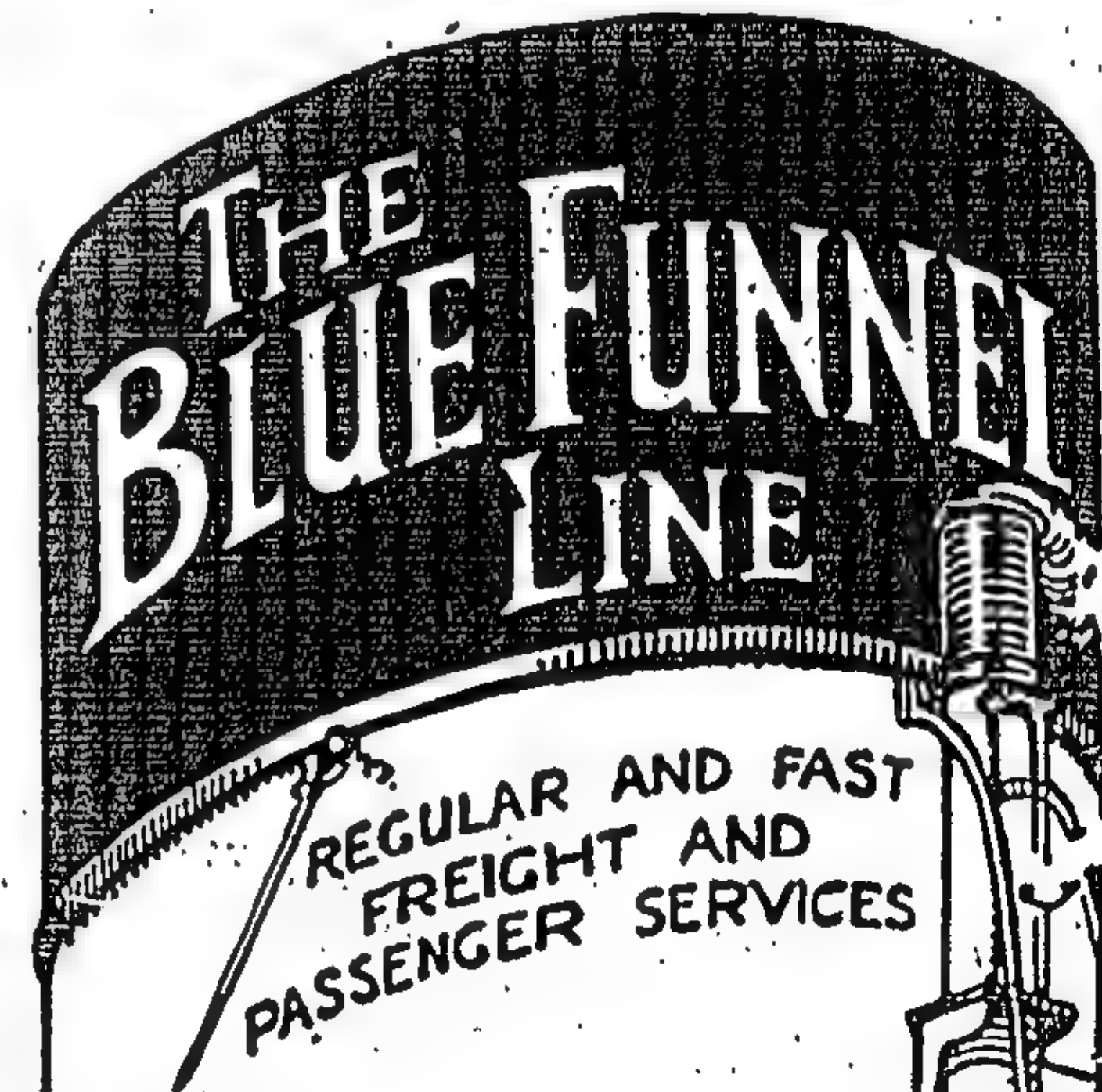
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NELLORE	7,000	2nd Jan.	Japan.
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BRITAIN PREPARES FOR COMPLICATIONS

DEEP CONCERN OVER THREAT TO CANTON

Many Disappointed At Mild Tone of Notes Despatched to Tokyo

London, Dec. 16. The mildness of the British and American notes to Tokyo, apparently demanding a mere apology, has disappointed many who believe that a stern stand is necessary.

British officials were cautious in wording their note as a result of the United States' refusal to take joint action, it is believed, since Washington apparently chooses to take a parallel course rather than unified action. It is felt that Washington has failed to foresee that by this attitude crises are likely to arise in the event of additional incidents.

Meanwhile, British diplomats are not awaiting the Japanese reply to their note but are preparing themselves for graver complications as the Japanese military apparently prepares to drive towards Canton, and comes closer to Hongkong.—United Press.

Notes Delivered

Tokyo, Dec. 16. The British and American notes of protest over the Yangtse bombings were delivered here this morning.

Meanwhile, the Japanese press, commenting on the situation, voices the opinion that Washington appreciates the steps which the Japanese Government has taken and that negotiations for an amicable settlement are making rapid progress.

The Night-Night remarks: "It is inconceivable that these incidents will impair Japanese relations with Great Britain or the United States in the slightest way."—Reuter.

Defining Attitude

London, Dec. 15. The British Government to-day is sending a communication to the Japanese Government defining its attitude towards the whole series of incidents in North China, and emphasizing the seriousness of the situation thus created and the requirements which, in the judgment of His Majesty's Government, flow from it. This announcement was made by Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons to-day, after reading the terms of the Japanese note to Britain in connection with the recent Yangtse incidents.

The British Government is further drawing attention to the aspects of the further grave incidents not covered by the Japanese note, he said. Particularly His Majesty's Government wished to be assured that there would be no repetition of these incidents, which, as the Japanese themselves realized, must impair relations between the two countries.

As the British note was not yet in the hands of the Japanese Government, he said, it would not be released for publication until tomorrow morning, he added.—Reuter.

British Note Delivered

The British note to Japan with regard to the Japanese attacks on British warships and merchantmen at Wuhu and near Nanjing on December 12 states these incidents clearly raise grave issues.

After detailing the attacks, the note says His Majesty's Government has been glad to receive the Japanese Government's profound apologies for the attacks on His Majesty's ships and stating that measures were being immediately taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents. The Japanese note added that the authorities would deal suitably with those responsible and pay all necessary compensation.

Attack Not Intentional

His Majesty's Government observes that the Japanese had no intention (Continued on Page 4.)

INVADERS PENETRATE NEW AREAS

Three Columns Operating In Yangtse Zone

Yangchow's Fall Not Confirmed

Hankow, Dec. 16. Chinese reports state that Japanese troops, after the occupation of Nanjing, are advancing to the north along three routes. A Japanese column which crossed the Yangtse at Pukow advanced northward along the Tientsin-Pukow railway, captured Pukow and Pucheng and at present has reached Wuyi, south of Chuchow. Another Japanese column which crossed the Yangtse at Chinkiang is advancing towards Kwaiyang via Yangchow. A report of the Japanese occupation of Yangchow is not yet confirmed.

A third column which crossed the Yangtse at Holsien in the Anhui province is at present converging towards the other columns.—Reuter.

Triumph March

Shanghai, Dec. 16. According to Japanese reports, General Matsui will personally lead "thousands of Japanese troops in a triumphant entry of China's abandoned capital" to-morrow.

The reports say that a galaxy of military officers, including Prince (Continued on Page 4.)

"Provisional Government" Needs Revenue

Tokyo, Dec. 16. The Provisional Government of China, which was established in Peking on December 14, is reported to be planning to open negotiations shortly with the Commission of the Chinese Maritime Customs and the Mayor of Tientsin, with a view to taking over all Customs stations in North China, according to despatches received here from Tientsin.

The revenue from Customs in North China is stated to be approximately \$44,000,000 annually.—Reuter.

"They Must Have Seen American Flags"

SHAI FACES VAST REPAIR BILL



More than \$10,000,000 and two years of work will be required to repair the streets of the International Settlement in Shanghai, ripped by shellfire and bombing in the Sino-Japanese war. In the picture above a Japanese consular official surveys fallen pediments of a building in Shanghai, after Japanese forces occupied the Chinese city.

SHARP WORK BY REVENUE OFFICER DISCLOSES SECRET

NARCOTICS FOUND HIDDEN IN FLAT FURNITURE; ALLEGED OWNER CAUGHT

Charged with possession of narcotics and attempted bribery, Chau Tak-fong, northern Chinese, went on trial before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl McGregor, at the Criminal Session this morning. He is said to have had seven and one-tenth ounces of heroin, and one ounce of cocaine hydrochloride. He is also charged with offering a bribe of \$85 to Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Assistant Attorney-General, conducted the case for the Crown, while the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwun, appeared for the defence. The jury empanelled was Messrs. A. Murdoch (foreman), R. Kulp, J. O. King, A. R. F. Raven, B. R. Inance, L. G. Morales and Chin Kin-cho. Opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Whyatt said the Crown alleged that accused was in possession of dangerous drugs and that he tried to bribe S. R. O. Grimmitt. The suggestion of the Crown was that accused, being caught, and knowing he was caught, offered a bribe to the officer to tempt him to release him from what he knew to be serious consequences of the offence.

TENANT OF MEANS

Shortly after 8 a.m. on October 30, continued Mr. Whyatt, S. R. O. Grimmitt went to Jade Road, accompanied by Mr. H. A. Taylor, the Government Monopoly Analyst, and three Chinese revenue officers. They arrived at a house about 8.40 a.m. and S. R. O. Grimmitt rang the bell. The door was opened by a youth, Chung Lam, and S. R. O. Grimmitt told him he had come to inspect the water tap. S. R. O. Grimmitt and the others then entered the floor, and found it (Continued on Page 4.)

Italy's Bigger War Budget Is Approved

Rome, Dec. 15. The Cabinet has approved of the 1938-39 war budget which amounts to about \$289,886,347, which is \$12,358,450 larger than last year.—United Press.

MILLIONS TO JOIN BOYCOTT

Movement Directed Against Japan

London, Dec. 15.

A world-wide boycott of Japanese goods is to be launched in the New Year by the International Peace Campaign, covering 43 countries and affecting 400,000,000 members.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the international executive presided over by Viscount Cecil. Technical plans are to be worked out immediately for co-operation by 39 international organizations.

A resolution, unanimously approved, urges the governments of peace-loving Powers to take all necessary economic measures to end Japanese aggression, and calls on all industrial and commercial organizations and individual producers and consumers to assist even if no governmental action is taken.

A world-wide publicity service will be organized for displaying thousands of posters, and world-wide distribution of millions of handbills, explaining how to identify Japanese goods.—United Press.

BOMBERS STILL OPERATE

Dropped Hundred Missiles Sunday

Japanese bombers are believed to have attacked the Kowloon-Canton railway again this morning. The Hongkong-Canton telephone service was disrupted about 10.30 a.m.

Early in the afternoon no reports of any bombing had been received by the Kowloon offices of the railway, but it was pointed out that the Japanese had been bombing the line with fair regularity during the past few days.

The raiders flew close to the New Territories frontier yesterday afternoon, swept over Shumchun and caused a panic there. Actually they dropped no bombs on the village, but a few miles beyond. The detonations and the excitement in Shumchun caused the report to spread that that border settlement had actually been attacked.

Actually the raiders pounded the Cheungmuktao area, and the vicinity of Fukut. They dropped over 30 bombs there, apparently trying to destroy the railway bridge. They failed.

On Sunday the Japanese bombers dropped no less than 100 bombs along the Kowloon-Canton railway line without causing serious damage, it is disclosed.

POLITICAL FLURRY IN JAPAN

Disbanding Of Old Parties Advocated

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

Political circles are flurried by the manifesto which Mitsuura Toyama, Prince Sanetaka Ichijo and Admiral Usuke Yamamoto have jointly issued to the nation, urging the vital necessity for the immediate organization of a National Party by disbanding the existing political parties.

Mitsuura Toyama is a patron of the Black Dragon Society, and the "mystery man" in political circles who has been active behind important development during the past half century.

Incidentally a movement is afoot among members of both the Minseitō and Seiyūkai, the two major political parties, for liquidating their parties in favour of a Totalitarian State.—Reuter.

BOMB VICTIM TELLS STORY OF AIR RAID

Cannot Bear To Think Of Yangtse Nightmare

BATTERED GUNBOAT ON HER WAY TO SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

"I can still hear the roar of the planes power-driving and loosing hell with their bombs, and can see the horrible sights I am trying to forget," said Mr. C. C. Vines, of the B.A.T., one of the survivors of the Yangtse bombings, when interviewed by Reuter in the Shanghai Country Hospital, where Mr. James Marshall of Colliers and Flag-Captain G. E. M. O'Donnell of H.M.S. Ladybird, are also patients.

"I can't bear now to think of what we went through," said Mr. Vines. "I can hardly remember what happened, except that it was a terrifying nightmare."

"I was aboard the Mei An when the Japanese planes attacked a cluster of ships with American flags flying everywhere, and even painted on the decks—'The Japanese' planes roared overhead, then lined up for the bombing. I ran inside and dived under a table. This broke the force of the explosion when the bombs came and probably saved my life. The Japanese planes attacked repeatedly and they must have seen the American flag and known we were American ships."

"I Was Afraid"

"Marshall, Hodge and I walked 20 miles and spent Sunday night in a Chinese farmer's town house at Tai-ping. He treated us royally. We slept Monday night in the quarters of a Japanese officer, who provided a truck in which we went to Wuhu. We spent Tuesday night in the Wuhu General Hospital, but I was afraid all the while that the roaring guns would turn their blazing muzzles our way," continued Mr. Vines. "On Wednesday morning a Japanese flying boat landed at Wuhu. I (Continued on Page 4.)

JAPANESE RECALL ADMIRAL

Allegedly Blamed For Sinking Of U.S.S. Panay

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

Acting swiftly in accordance with the pledge to punish the officers responsible for the bombing and sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, the Japanese Navy has recalled Rear-Admiral Teizo Mitsumori, chief of the aerial operations, says a semi-official Japanese statement, which adds that the officer will be relieved of his post.—Reuter.

German View On Panay Affair

Berlin, Dec. 15.

The newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter, ironically commenting on the bombing and sinking of the U.S.S. Panay says: "If a gunboat is suddenly hit by shells amidst a wild turmoil it is most regrettable, but not astonishing. It would be much stranger if the gunboat sailed amidst the shells raining from above without being hit. It is ridiculous to expect a battle suddenly to be interrupted where a neutral ship turns up."—United Press.

STOP PRESS

GUARANTEES EXTEND TO PEARL RIVER

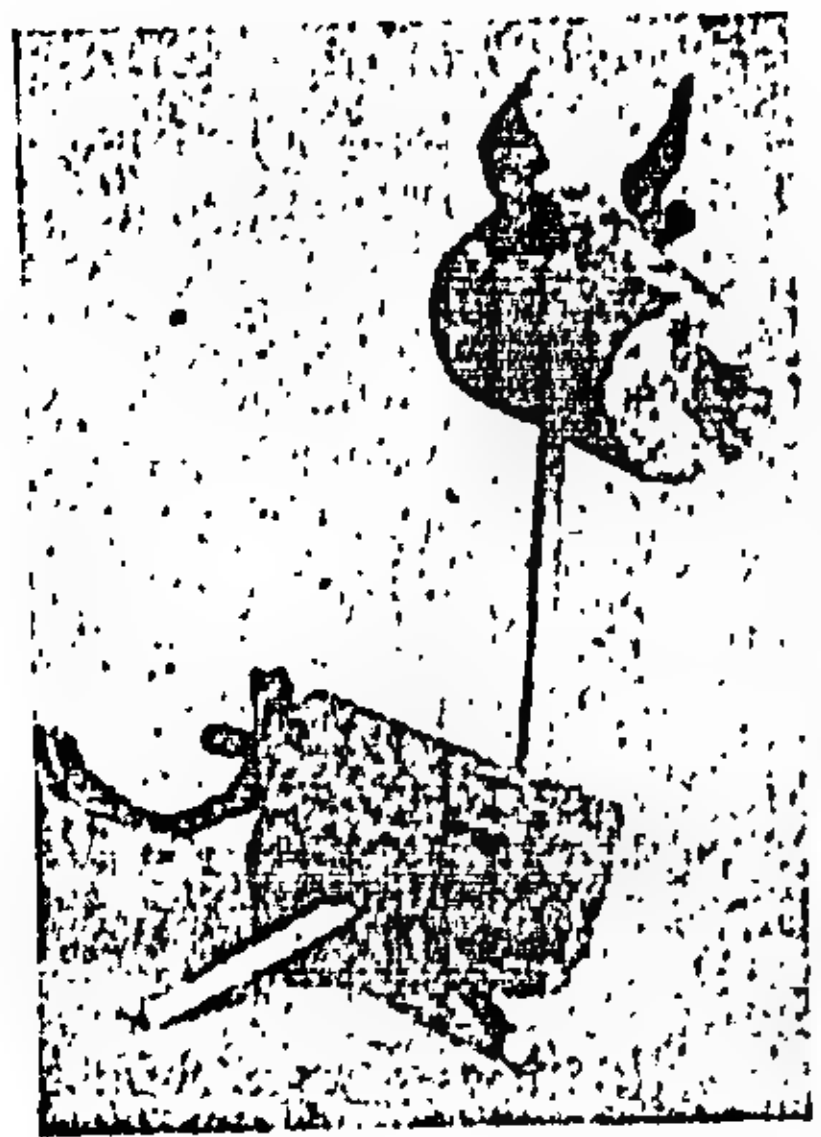
Shanghai, Dec. 16. Questioned regarding the reported Japanese naval activity in South China, a Japanese navy spokesman said he had no knowledge on the subject. Asked whether he could give assurances concerning the safety of foreign ships in the Pearl River, the spokesman said the assurance given in respect to shipping in the Yangtse extended to the whole of China.—Reuter.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

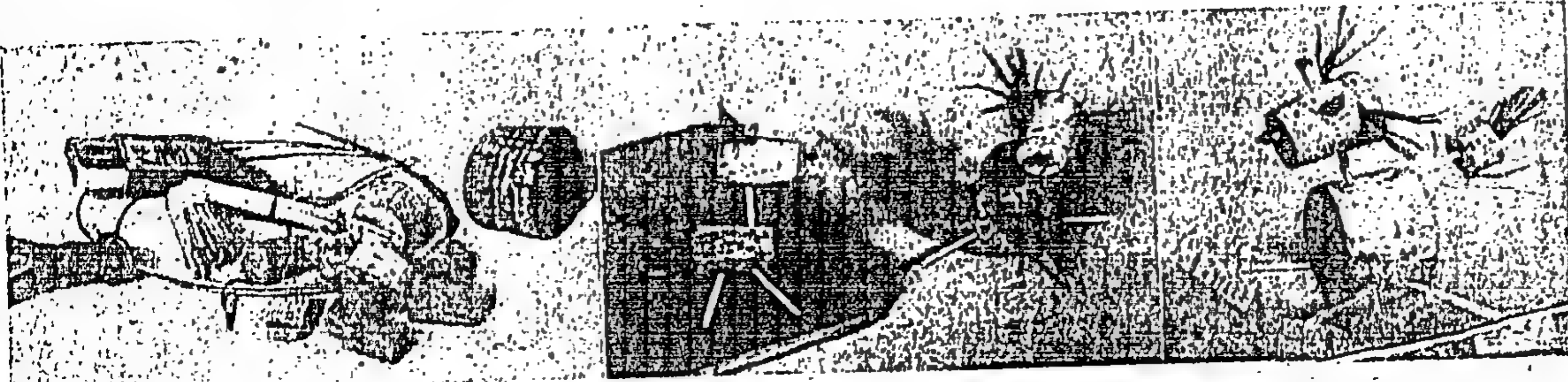
FILM STAR DENIES ROMANCE

Funchal, Madeira, Dec. 15.

Ruth Chatterton, noted film star, has denied that she is engaged to Carlos Freitas Martins, Portuguese scion of one of Madeira's most distinguished families. Ruth Chatterton was formerly the wife of George Brent, the film actor, who recently married again.—United Press.



Yes, they look odd, but they're fun to make



HERE are some weird and wonderful animals that can be used as decoration or as toys for the nursery. The children can have lots of fun helping to make them and they can let their imagination run riot, too.

What you will need are lots of corks of varied sizes

—take them from old medicine bottles. Most families seem to get far too big a collection of these. You will also need some wire, matches, toothpicks and orange sticks. Perhaps, also, some odd strips of bright coloured leather or fabric to use for first or a tail if you make the dog shown in the first picture. His long neck, made of a

single match-stick, is an amusing contrast to his short, play-legged legs.

The third and fourth pictures show other nameless breeds of dogs which can be copied easily. But once you've learnt by practice how to make them you'll probably think of lots of other animals you would like to reproduce in cork and match sticks.

Decorative Cords

COLOURED cord is much used for decorative purposes.

When picture cords cannot be rendered entirely unobtrusive, it is a new idea to make them frankly decorative and to twist and tie them into a pattern against the walls.

For this purpose, a slender, bright coloured cord may be chosen, in contrast from your walls. Multi-coloured corded fringe may be used to trim a very modern table cloth, fitted to the table-top and made of silver or coloured American cloth. Thick white cord looks well outlining curtains, bedspreads and dressing-table covers, being sewn just inside the hem.

For Your Dinner Table

AMONG the new lines of the season there are large dinner cloths, made of white linen widely encrusted with lace—just the thing for your next important dinner party.

Sets of mats are made of pale brown fine linen, with vivid, multi-coloured, applique flowers, with cut-out edges around them. Some of the nicest mats are made of quilted chintz-like fabric, with ships and seascapes painted on them.

Round mats of linen and artificial silk have a lovely sheen and are edged with pastel tinted circles, of graduated sizes.

Are Your Nails Brittle?

YOU wouldn't go to sleep at night with the day's make-up unremoved. Or, at least, I hope not.

But it is, one chance to a hundred if you take off your nail varnish from the time you have one manicure until the next. Am I right?

This leaving on of the lacquer eventually dries out all the natural oil in the nail.

"The great cry with hun-

By Elsie Scott

dreds of women now is breaking nails," said an expert, who calls her salon a "nursing home for nails."

It may take two or more years of continual varnishing to break down the health of the nails. But it will eventually happen, and then they crack and break and it takes months to get them into order again.

This expert is against leaving on varnish all day and night. It should be used, but it should be removed, just like make-up, then hot, which, again, tends to The nails need nourishing every dry, out the oils.

bit as much as the skin does and so special creams are used to keep them healthy.

AND now I'm going to tell you some of the revolutionary things I heard. Do you push back the cuticles after washing your hands? That's all wrong, according to this expert. A healthy cuticle needs no violent pushing. It should be gently lifted with a hoof-stick and the nourishing cream placed under it. This acts as a tonic to the embryo nail growing beneath.

And do you file down the nails at the sides? That's wrong, clearly without any drastic too. Each nail should be allowed

to grow up to the fingertip. It controls the flesh and so stops those ugly little "cushions" which protrude and give the fingers a square appearance when they ought to look slender.

Everyone grows two whole new nails a year. But they grow gradually and so you can start at any moment to get them into condition and, providing there is no definite disease, they will come right again, no matter how dreadful they may look before the treatment.

To begin with, you should never use very harsh soap, soda, or very hot water.

When the nails are filed and very gently with a flexible file or emery board.

While you are getting the nails into perfect order, it is better not to use varnish at all—except on rare occasions for parties, and it should be removed directly afterwards.

"But how can I get my nails to look presentable?" you will ask.

They can be polished with a stone polish and a buffer, in the old-fashioned way. And there's a warning about buffing the nails. They should be polished one way only and then not too quickly or heavily as that makes

I HAVE just been trying which is very good for keeping the nails in order.

It cleans them marvellously after gardening, for, however strong gardening gloves are, the earth seems to seep through the leather when the hands come in contact with it.

The finger-tips are dipped in warm water, a little of the preparation is smeared on them, and then they are cleaned with a rubber brush. When per-cream placed under it. This acts as a tonic to the embryo nail growing beneath.

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CLEAN OUT YOUR STOMACH

—and enjoy your food!

There are some people who never really enjoy their food because no matter how long ago it was since they last had a meal, they always feel "full up." Some feel as though a lump were lodged in the middle of their chests—others as though their stomachs were blown out like a balloon with wind and gas.

This is because the food from their last meal has not been completely digested, and remains behind in the stomach, turning bad and forming acid and evil gases. Food must be digested and cleaned right out of the stomach after every meal. If you are to feel ready to eat at the proper time. If you suffer in this way, take a dose of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder after eating. It will help you to digest all your food in the proper way, prevent the formation of too much acid and unhealthy gas, and clear poisonous flatulence, heartburn, all go if you take the scientific remedy. Even such serious ailments as gastric and duodenal ulcer have been cured by Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. Get a bottle to-day—but make sure you really do get the genuine Maclean Brand Stomach Powder with the signature, "ALEX. C. MACLEAN" on bottle and carton. Never sold loose. Powder or Tablets. Cheap substitutes may make your trouble worse. If you have any difficulty in obtaining it, write to Banker & Co., P.O. Box 536, Hong Kong.

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BREAKFAST TIME HAS ITS QUEER HABITS

London, Nov. 15. Most people are not wakened by alarm clocks; their average time of rising is 7.40 a.m., and over half an hour passes before they sit down to their first meal.

These facts are based on an investigation which has just been made into the breakfast-time habits of 276 adults and children.

Only 27 dress at once on awaking. Seventy-two go to sleep again, 23 read books or magazines, and 158 remain in bed for another three-quarters of an hour.

WHAT WE EAT

Thirty per cent. of the total cook their own breakfast, one half eat with the rest of the family, but the remaining 80 per cent. breakfast in shifts. At this meal

For every 40 who have porridge, 60 have cereal;

For every 40 who have toast, 60 have bread;

For every 20 who have jam or honey, 80 have marmalade;

For every 20 who have coffee, 80 have tea.

An egg, fish or meat dish was eaten by 60 per cent. of these; 30 per cent. had bacon and eggs; 16 per cent. a boiled egg. Very few ate fish.

Only 88 people made a set meal of breakfast.

HOW MUCH WE SMOKE

The inquiries were conducted by Mass Observation, which now promises the result of an analysis into smoking habits and the contents of 600 mantelpieces.

It is asking for a detailed account from over a thousand observers of what happens between 10.30 and 11.30 this morning.

The instructions for to-morrow are: "Describe the morning in detail from the end of breakfast to the end of lunch."

"Include details of your working routine, if you are at work; of household routine, if you are at home; or of shopping, if you go out to the shops."

In the case of any "national emergency" all observers have a standing request to make a detailed account of what happens to them and the reactions of those around them.



Flying Officer A. E. Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green bidding good-bye to mechanics when the couple started on their record-breaking flight from London to the Cape and back.

Golf Club's "Hole-in-One" Reform

GOLFERS who dream of doing a "hole in one," but dread the consequences of their feat—drinks all round the club and a bottle of whisky for the caddy—may take heart.

Camberley Heath Golf Club committee has ruled that the player doing a hole in one on their course shall himself be entertained—up to 5s. at the bar.

Brigadier-General E. Napper Tandy, captain of the club, described the old custom as a "tyranny."

"I should like to see the principle adopted by golf clubs throughout the country," he said.

"The greatest menace of the old custom is to the young and proficient golfer who is least able to bear the imposition and too diffident to protest."

Left-Handed Racing Makes Them Lop-Sided

London, Nov. 15.

Convinced that regular racing on the present left-handed (anti-clockwise) plan will produce a strain of lop-sided greyhounds, Brigadier-General A. C. Critchley, managing director of the Greyhound Racing Association, Ltd., is introducing the right-handed (clockwise) races to keep the dogs straight.

He intends next year to institute a £1,000 race for the right-handed championship. The change is to be brought in gradually. First there will be two right-hand races a week; later, two a night.

After a practice earlier this week, which proved that the dogs race round a right-handed track with as much zest as they do round a left-handed track (although they took 3/5th. of a second longer on the right-hand run), the first public exhibition of right-handed racing was given at the children's party in aid of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Cancer at the White City track last night.

There may be difficulties in the way of establishing right-handed racing, but General Critchley thinks they are less likely to be raised by the dogs than by the fans who do the backing.

NEW FORM PROBLEMS

At the 60 licensed tracks in this country backers put in 26,000,000 attendances a year. They are conservative souls; right-hand racing will present them with brand new problems of form.

But General Critchley believes that the danger of breeding de-

formities into the strains is too great to be ignored.

A greyhound, he told the press recently, turns two half-circles, always (up to now) to the left, at an average speed of 35 miles an hour while he is racing. He does two turns every 30 seconds. So that he is constantly using one side of his body more than the other; developing powerful shoulder muscles on the right side and compressing (therefore shortening) his left foreleg each time he turns.

"It might be six or seven generations before any noticeable change appeared," General Critchley said, "but it would be certain to come. We should be breeding deformed dogs."

"INEVITABLE DISTORTION"

"Greyhound racing, now 12 years old, has reached the fourth and fifth generations of scientific breeding. We are now breeding between 300 and 400 dogs a year. We are now eliminating all the fighters and all the barkers. We are producing pure racing strains.

"I feel it is up to us to prevent what would otherwise be an inevitable distortion of the dogs' bodies. I am so convinced about it that I intend to establish right-handed racing against any sort of opposition. I think it is our duty."

Ultimately, he believes, the two forms of greyhound racing, right and left handed, will flourish side by side, and when that happens the normal development of greyhound breeds will be assured.

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Herr Hitler saw Marlene Dietrich's latest picture, "Angel," a few days ago, writes the Daily Express Berlin correspondent.

He liked the picture, liked Marlene, and expressed a wish to meet her when next she visits the land of her birth.

A stiff rebuke was later issued through the official German news

agency to several German newspapers including Jew-baiter Julius Streicher's Der Sturmer, for attacking Marlene when she decided to become an American citizen.

Herr Hitler has been told that Marlene may soon come to Germany on a business trip. He has indicated that he will invite her to meet him.

Subaltern Who Took Togoland

HOW GERMANS WERE BLUFFED

A remarkable story of how a young Irish subaltern "bluffed" the Germans into surrendering Togoland during the Great War was told recently by Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins and Lord Davidson. They were speaking at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Barking.

Sir Reginald said that he and Lord Davidson, in the early days of the war, helped in the handling of code messages at the Colonial Office. One day they received a code message from a young subaltern in the Cameroons who probably, Sir Reginald said, had under his command two men and a boy, announcing that he was going to take Togoland.

Before they could reply another cable arrived. This said that he had made a reconnaissance of the enemy's position and intended to attack. Next morning another message stated that he had attacked and that all was well. "I do not know what his name was," added Sir Reginald, "but I hope that he is a General now."

Lord Davidson, taking up the story, said that this young officer converted his "two men and a boy" into a "stage army." Actually he split his tiny force into little parties, marched them up and down the country, and arranged with natives to run into Kameru and report that there were enemy forces all over the place.

RIFLE BOLTS REMOVED

The result was that the Germans were led to believe that there were 1,500 men instead of "two men and a boy." They were persuaded that a half-company of West African Frontier Force were the Advance part of a great army, and decided that the best thing was to surrender.

The young officer made it a condition that they should pile their arms on the side of the town by which he proposed to approach and that the Germans should retire into the centre of the town. During the night he had the whole of his force practising how to extract the bolts from rifles so as to render the weapons useless.

Next morning he found the arms piled as he had commanded. He and his escort advanced further while the remainder of the force removed the bolts from the rifles.

It is understood that the officer concerned is now Lieut.-Col. F. C. Bryant, says the Daily Telegraph and Morning Post.

Muzzle Loaders Tried Out

Lewistown, Mont. The muzzle loading rifle club of Montana residents held a rifle shoot here in which the contestants crammed shot down the muzzles of their antiquated weapons. Competitions in shooting the old Kentucky rifle, the flintlock and percussion types were held.

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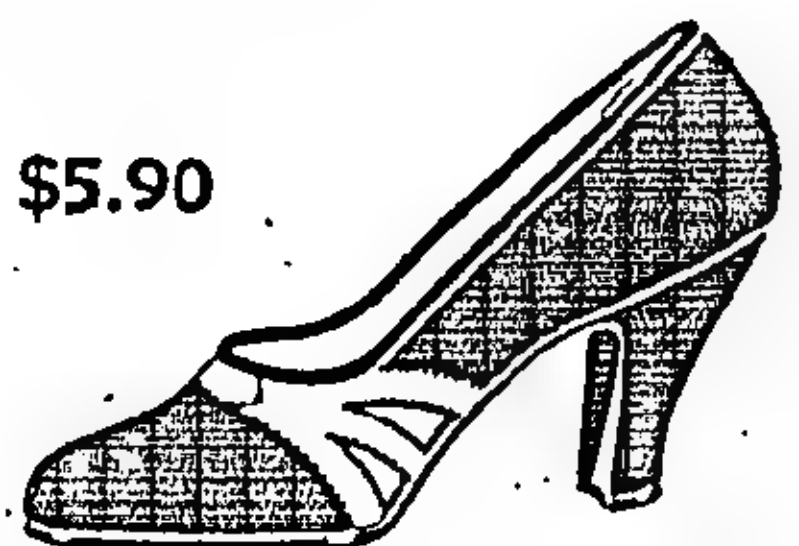
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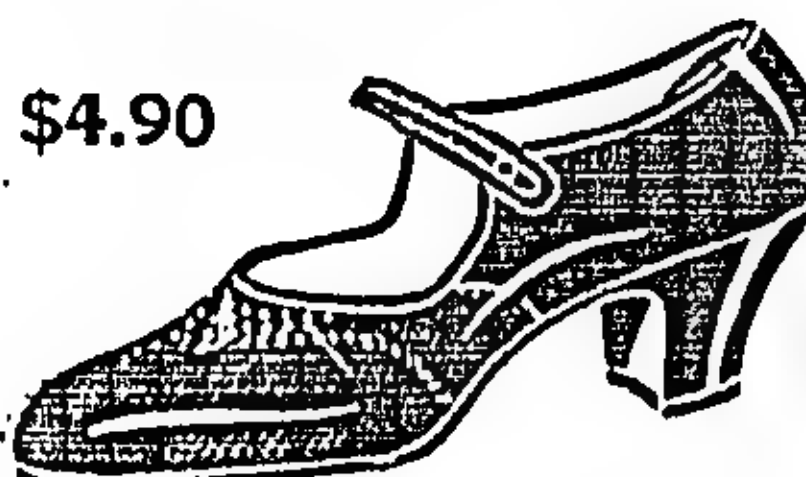
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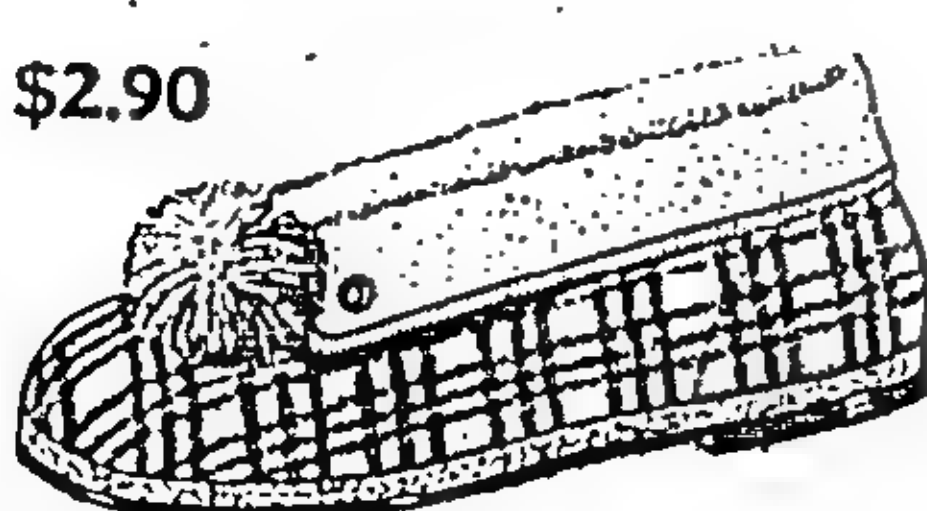
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PRISON REFORM

The report of the Committee which has been investigating the overcrowding of Hongkong prisons, and other matters vital in the satisfactory administration of these institutions, was laid before the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon. The first reaction resulting from its perusal, even among those who may have had a suspicion of what was to come, must have been amazement. Incredulity was only banished by the closer study of a truly remarkable document; remarkable for two reasons, primarily: its exposure of a condition of affairs which can only be described as astounding, and its concise recommendations for the remedying of obvious evils.

The Committee discloses that for years the system of supplying prisoners with food has existed only in name. In point of fact it was no system at all, in the true sense of the word. The cost of feeding the thousands of persons who pass through the institutions annually is twice that entailed in providing food for ordinary coolie labour. The prisoners, it is learned cost more to feed than do the policemen who arrest them. On this topic it is felt the Committee has not gone far enough. There is room for a wider investigation of the prison catering of the past. The remedy suggested is for separate tender for foodstuffs by weight. It is also put forward that prisoners might very well cultivate their own vegetables, providing the land is made available. It is done in other parts of the world. Why not in Hongkong?

The fact is that there is no such thing as "hard labour" in Hongkong's prisons. The prisoner's working day is 6 hours and 30 minutes, including periods for exercise and congee. In three days a prisoner-cobbler turns out one pair of Chinese slippers. These are facts which the Committee has put before the Council. And it seems, moreover, that the Committee had difficulty in discovering just what work the prisoners are given. The reason is not ex-

WILL HE BECOME KING?

IN a turreted sixteenth-century Flemish castle, reflected in a tranquil lake and guarded by friendly trees, a handsome young aristocrat of sombre mien awaits the call he confidently expects to occupy a throne in Vienna.

Archduke Otto's eventual restoration to the kingship of Austria is believed to be the heart's desire of the present ruler, Chancellor Schuschnigg. He views a restored monarchy as the strongest bulwark against Nazi domination of Austria.

Threatening violent opposition to Otto's enthronement are the Little Entente neighbours (Yugo-Slavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania), who fear their independence may be jeopardised by an attempt to re-establish the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

What manner of man is this youngster of 25, whose ambition to rule may plunge Europe to the very edge of war?

An earnest, dignified, likeable young man of almost austere habits and a not very noticeable sense of humour.

Trained from his tenderest years as one destined to reign, he has solemnly adopted the restoration of the dynasty as his high mission in life and set himself to the one task of preparing to fulfil the kingly role. When, after many wanderings and tribulations in exile, he presented himself at the Catholic University of Louvain, young Otto explained that he wished to study languages, philosophy, social and political science and national economy.

"All at once?" asked a surprised professor.

"Yes," was the earnest answer. "I face such great responsibilities that I can never learn too much."

plained. Further, many of the prisoners are skilled in no trade and are unwilling to learn any. For these and others who refuse to do the simple tasks allotted to them stone-breaking and wood-cutting is suggested. That might have the effect of making prison life less desirable.

The report deals, too, with the enormous number of hawkers who find their way into the prison. In July last there were 2,600 persons serving terms and 1,400 of them were hawkers. The committee holds that the methods of dealing with them are "cumbersome, inadequate and inefficient." When it is considered that these hawkers as a rule serve no more than seven and never more than ten days, the number of them passing through the hands of the over-worked magistrates will be realised. The Committee proposes that a form of internment camp be organised here for the reception of hawkers, and it is felt that it would be wise to send the Colony's mendicants to such a place. They might be taught some useful work there, and if nothing else they could be encouraged to earn their livings with a shovel and hoe. Perhaps an internment camp of the sort could provide some of the food for which the Hongkong Government has been paying so dearly when catering for the prison population.

It has long been contended that a little harsher treatment of prisoners in this Colony would tend to decrease to a great extent the total of prisoners. Beggars and hawkers most people will pity and it is not argued that they merit punishment for a condition they are largely powerless to correct. But pick-pockets and snatchers and returned banished are different. The chances are they would never be particularly desirable members of the community. To such as these a caning would be a fitter sort of punishment than the ease the Hongkong prisons offer.

Otto Habsburg, pretender to the throne of Austria, is 25 years old. Since he was a small child his mother has been intriguing to get him this throne . . . so far without success.

So diligent was the studious lad that he now speaks German, Hungarian, English, French, Italian and Spanish. He has taken his degree as Doctor in Sociological Sciences. It was the reward of a 368-page thesis in French on "The Agricultural Laws in the Danubian Regions."

For this Royal scion the path to high destiny is the strait and narrow way. Is it possible for a Habsburg to renounce romance? Certainly no sentimental entanglement has been allowed to prejudice the career of the Archduke Otto.

It is related that one radiant sunny spring morning a lovely young Hungarian princess walked in the Steenockerzeel Castle grounds with the would-be king. There was magic, intoxication in the air. The young pair strolled side by side in a golden silence.

Suddenly the prince broke the spell. "Do you know how extraordinarily industrious ants are?" he asked.

"I am afraid not." So he launched into a detailed description of the habits of the insect world.

No light amusements for this young man. He all but abstains from smoking and drinking, rarely attends the theatre, and if he sees films, prefers the educational type. His daily reading embraces the European newspapers and volumes of history and biography. No worthwhile book on Napoleon escapes his study.

On the whole Otto's life has been sheltered and secluded. His present personal domain consists of two rooms in one of the castle turrets—a study and

Over the castle as a whole the

of Steenockerzeel, where he now lives in exile

a tiny bedroom. His cabins he calls them, because of their limited size and unpretentious equipment. A simple iron bed, a table, washstand, wardrobe and radio set comprise the furniture of his bedroom.

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literary man, the poet, and the artist. If it is fleshy as well as long, its owner will probably be something of a dreamer, but kindly, and even-tempered.

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Suspicious Natures

Many noted detectives are said to have had this kind of ear, and for this reason have found effective disguise extremely difficult. Men with pointed ears may be taken to have a bent towards search and inquiry, and have often a suspicious and distrustful nature.

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atmosphere of a royal court prevails and the strict etiquette of the days of the Emperor Franz Joseph is preserved. Otto, who receives visitors in a grand salon, is addressed as "Your Majesty" and even his four brothers and three sisters speak of him as "The Emperor."

The widowed Empress Zita sees to that. Hers is the ruling spirit of this austere household. Single-minded, strong-willed and devout, she has a vivid sense of the Habsburgs' place in history and never for one moment allows her children to forget it.

When, if ever, Otto ascends the throne of Austria, he will owe his crown to the driving force of this determined little woman.

With modest means she has raised Otto and his brothers and sisters in a strict, almost puritanical atmosphere.

Remember that this Prince has spent most of his youth in exile, on a limited income. It is said that the family were so hard-up at one time that the boy Otto had to remain at home for a couple of days while his only pair of shoes was at the cobbler's.

He who would regain the throne of the Habsburgs needs must be educated in the science of killing. Otto's instruction in the arts of war has been the task of a German, Count Degenfeld, formerly professor in the Austro-Hungarian Military Academy. The Count relates that one day he was describing to Otto the campaign of the Archduke Karl against Napoleon.

The Prince sat with flushed cheeks and sparkling eyes, his boyish imagination stirred by the tale of battles of long ago—when suddenly Zita's chamberlain strode into the room and protested: "The Empress does not like the young Prince to be excited."

This carefully-tended stripling has now attained manhood and as he stretches out his hands toward the iron crown of St. Stephen, what aims has he nurtured in his breast? "I will not be an absolute monarch," he has said. He dreams of a corporate State, with himself at the head, and the trend of his vision may be inferred from the fact that he has expressed admiration for the "genius" of Mussolini.

In such a State a Socialist party would have no place. Otto would banish it from his kingdom, for he regards all Socialists as dangerous advocates of class warfare.

Without their aid he would seek to achieve peace and unity.

Though not impulsive, the Archduke is daring. He is confident that his hour will come. When his advisers in Vienna assure him that the moment has struck, Otto will not hesitate to take the supreme risk.

Johnson Murray



Otto Habsburg and the Castle of Steenockerzeel, where he now lives in exile

CHARACTER IN EARS

A STUDY of the human ear, as an index to character and disposition, will reveal much that is interesting and surprising.

Women seem to live in a state of chronic indecision as to whether they should show, or hide their ears, and as to whether they should or should not adorn them. But the unprotected ear of man offers all the time to the trained eye of the physiognomist a handy index by which he can observe and sum-up more or less accurately its possessor's virtues, vices, inclinations, habits, and capabilities.

Some students of physiognomy declare that there are indeed scientific reasons for believing the ears to be quite reliable guides to character. They say that just as the leaf is usually of something like the same shape as the parent tree, so the ear in shape and form is often very like to the head itself.

The best type of head being moderately round, like a half-circle, is restless, impatient, head-strong, impulsive, affectionate, and warm-hearted. An ear unusually broad at the centre often denotes selfishness and bad temper. Such a man is likely to be more pleasant in company than in the home circle. Square ears belong to strong characters, earnest, deep-thinking, mystical, or religious, but deficient in cheerfulness and optimism.

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Poor Persons' Adviser Prepares For New Law

(By A Special Correspondent)

Unhappy wives threaten to swamp the divorce courts with applications when Mr. A. P. Herbert's "easier divorce" Act begins to operate in January.

Solicitors throughout the country are being consulted by an unprecedented number of women who hope that the Act, by extending grounds for divorce, will afford them the freedom they have long desired.

Hundreds of wives hope to turn their separation orders into divorce decrees that would enable them to remarry.

I learn that the situation has caused some apprehension in official quarters. A question is to be asked in Parliament about the provisions for the anticipated great increase in applications by poor persons.

Mr. A. Hassard-Short, who since 1914 has sat as secretary in the Poor Persons' Department, beneath the Divorce Courts, and has personally dealt with more than 70,000 poor persons' applications, has already planned the reorganisation of his department to cope with the divorce rush. Staff and accommodation are being enlarged.

NO SPEED-UP PLANS

No arrangements have yet been made for speeding up reforms in the Divorce Courts above, apart from the decision to appoint another judge, making the total four.

Suggested reforms have been discussed. It is feared that unless they are promptly carried out the existing machinery will be unable to cope with the divorce rush—certainly during the first six or twelve months.

Recently two Divorce Judges—the President, Sir Boyd Merriam, and Mr. Justice Bucknill—were occupied with appeals from magistrates' orders. The third, Mr. Justice Langton, was faced with a list of thirteen defended cases.

Much of the judges' time is at present taken up with Admiralty work—so that divorce petitions are crowded out for months. Investigations made yesterday show how well founded are the fears of a great divorce rush in the spring. I examined figures that are now in the hands of officials.

11,000 SEPARATION ORDERS A YEAR

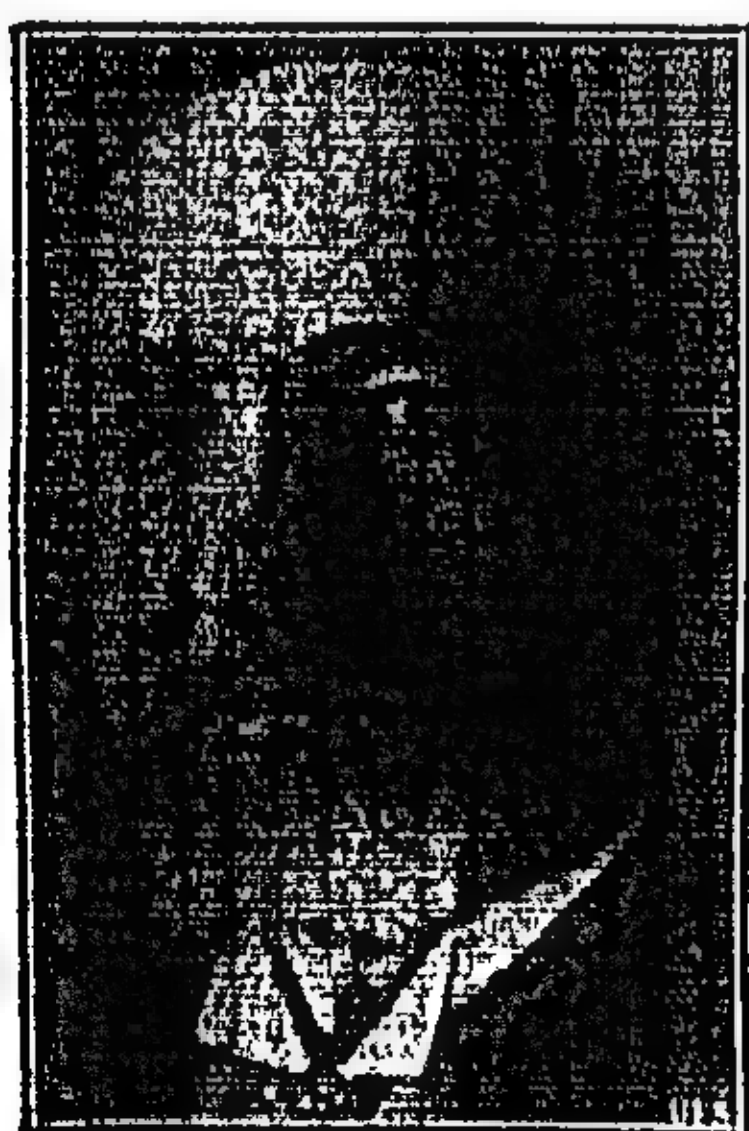
They were obtained by a Home Office committee in 1934. It was then calculated that the yearly number of police court separation orders made on the grounds of cruelty, desertion, failure to maintain, failure of parental duty, totalled eleven thousand. There were then fifty thousand such orders in operation.

They were still being made at the rate of ten to eleven thousand a year when Mr. Herbert's Bill came before Parliament.

These figures cause alarm because a large proportion of the orders are in respect of desertion. Under Mr. Herbert's Act, desertion, for three years or more, will constitute a ground for divorce.

Wives with years-old orders for desertion now plan to seek divorce. Wives who were hoping for an order for desertion held their hands when Mr. Herbert's Bill came along, and now await the New Year and the operation of the new law.

I was told recently: "Many wives will sue for divorce rather than seek a magistrates' order."



Dr. Hans Ernst Posse, to succeed Dr. Hjalmar Schacht as German Minister of Economics. Dr. Posse, deputy to Dr. Schacht, who has resigned, has been carrying the Ministry burdens, while Dr. Schacht attended to Reichsbank affairs.

THE NAVY TO HAVE ITS OWN AERODROME

FIRST SINCE END OF WAR

R.A.F. STATION MAY BE TAKEN OVER

Early next year, it is understood, the Admiralty may take over the R.A.F. station at Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire. This station has served for 14 years as the School of Naval Co-operation, one of its principal duties being the training of naval officers as observers for the Fleet Air Arm, writes Hector C. Bywater in the Daily Telegraph.

On Jan. 1 the Naval Co-operation School is to be transferred to the new R.A.F. station at Ford, Sussex, and the large and well-equipped establishment at Lee-on-Solent may then pass entirely under naval control.

This would be one of the first results of the Government's decision, announced in July, to end the system of dual control of the Fleet Air Arm and grant the Admiralty full administrative powers over all shipborne aircraft, whether they are actually aloft or ashore.

PROVIDING ALL PERSONNEL

Previously all naval aircraft landed from ships, together with their naval personnel, came automatically under the jurisdiction of the Air Ministry, and many anomalies resulted.

Another result of the administrative change will be the eventual replacement of all R.A.F. pilots in the Fleet Air Arm by naval officers. Hitherto the Navy has provided only 50 per cent. of the pilots, though all the observers were naval officers.

If the Lee-on-Solent station is taken over by the Admiralty, it will be the first air station to be owned by the Navy for 20 years.

It will be manned and operated like any other naval establishment, though some R.A.F. officers may be temporarily attached for instructional purposes.

To cope with the impending expansion of the Fleet Air Arm—the strength of which will probably be quadrupled during the next few years—the staff of the Naval Air Division at the Admiralty is to be increased. Rear-Adm. J. H. D. Cunningham, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Air), is in general control of Fleet aviation matters.

Woman Aviator Honoured

Mt. Desert Island, Mo. Miss Gayle Pond, social worker, aviator and journalist, claims the distinction of being the only American woman ever to hold a British pilot licence.

To College In Scooter

Fred Craig, Connecticut State College freshman, who fractured an ankle in a fall from a tree, solved the problem of keeping up his class work by using a scooter bike. Resting his injured foot on the bike, he propelled himself about the campus without discomfort.

Sex War Threatens to Divide Broadcast House

Women Push Out The Men

(By Garry Allighan)

THE B.B.C. IS BEING RUN BY A "PETTICOAT GOVERNMENT"

Men at the B.B.C. are now proposing to use the staff association, which is being formed, to safeguard their positions.

They say that women are getting all the key positions and that the whole organisation at Broadcasting House is coming under their control.

On the board of governors, the supreme body of the B.B.C., two of the five members are women. They



Dr. A. S. Calhoun of Mount Olive, Miss., with Nurse Evelyn Sharrbrough, 13th of the patients to whom he unwittingly administered a deadly brand of elixir of sulfanilamide as an infection cure. Although later she knew the medicine might be fatal, she continued her work as above. Government agents said with death to recall 700 bottles.

WIFE WAS TOLD "CUT SOB STUFF"

Love Letters Not Silly, Says Judge

Letters to his wife from Engineer-Lieutenant Commander Francis Henry Lee, R.N., of the destroyer Impulsive, were described by Mr. Justice Bucknill in the Divorce Court as "rather cold for a young husband."

Commander Lee, who lives in Cowes (I. O. W.), petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage, alleging adultery by his wife, Mrs. Edith Margaret Uniake Lee, of Marlborough Road, Kensington, with Major Francis Edward Morley Clarke, Gurkha Rifles (retired), of Newton Ferrers, Devon.

Both Mrs. Lee and Major Clarke denied on oath that they had ever committed adultery. The petition was dismissed with costs and Major Clarke was dismissed from the suit.

Of the husband, Mr. Justice Bucknill said that he showed "a complete lack of the very necessary give-and-take if the marriage was to be a success; he regarded love-letters as silly."

The judge went on: "Perhaps, from an engineer's point of view, they may be but, from a human point of view, they are not. . . . In his letters he never got beyond calling his wife 'Dear Edith'. . . . The attitude towards his wife is well illustrated by a letter he wrote to her less than a month after the marriage. It was as follows: 'You talk as if one moment away from me was some terrible affliction from which you will never recover. . . . Be prepared to cut out the 'sob stuff'. . . . Be prepared to live where I want you to live; no tears, or fits of sulka. . . .'

JUDGE AND WIFE

Of the wife, the judge said: "So far as the wife was concerned it was

a marriage of convenience. . . . It has been said that she was cold, calculating and not passionate.

"She has also been described as a woman of brazen impudence, my opinion of her—and a man always puts a woman's character forward with diffidence—is that the guiding principle of her life was to maintain herself and her mother by honourable means, and it was for that reason that she married."

"When she found that the marriage was disastrous, she began to contemplate the possibility of getting rid of her husband and marrying some one else."

New Coal-Loading Mark Set

Toledo, The Chesapeake and Ohio coal docks here have established a new world record for loading coal into vessels. Their big dumping machines turned 95,000 tons of coal into the holds of 13 boats within a 24-hour period.

"Found Loose" Mail Saved

St. Louis. Postal authorities here have established a special "Found Loose" department for the benefit of persons who absent-mindedly attempt to mail from 1,200 to 1,500 odd articles every month.

WOMEN IN KEY JOBS

Doris Arnold, who joined the B.B.C. as a typist and became staff pianist, is the first and only woman variety producer.

For some time many listeners have been unaware of the fact that one of the most successful producers of radio drama was a woman.

The names of plays were printed as being "produced by M. H. Allen."

But Mary H. Allen is in charge of the entire women's secretarial staff. Her play-producing was a sideline.

Mrs. K. M. Lines, who is in charge of the photographic section, was once Sir John Reith's secretary.

Other women in key positions are Mary Adams, the television make-up expert; Miss G. M. Freeman, the staff supervisor; Mrs. Du Barry, who provides 70,000 lunches in the B.B.C. canteen every year; Mrs. Towler, the receptionist, who as Caroline Banks was supervisor of the women's staff.

No wonder the male staff talks in terms of a sex "war."

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay from London: Food for Thought CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.49 metres (9.52 m.c.s.).

11.45. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral. 12.30 Patricia Rossborough (Piano). Lullaby—Selection; Hot Dog (Clair-Carter); Poor Little Rich Girl—Selection.

12.40 Latest Dance Records. Fox-Trot—The First Time I Saw You (film 'Toast of New York'); The Folks Who Live on the Hill; Can I Forget You (film 'High, Wide and Handsome'); Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Peckin' (film 'New Faces of 1937'); Big Apple; Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Ragtime Cowboy Joe; Sailing On The Robert E. Lee; Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragmamas.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report. 1.03 Mark Weber and His Orchestra.

'The Flower of Hawaii'—Selection (Abraham) with Comedy Harmonists (Quartet in German); The Skaters Waltz (Gungl); Tinkle, Tinkle—Modest 1932 (Scherbert); Fanfare—Selection; Tales of Autumn—Waltz (Waldteufel); Blonde Or Brunette—Waltz (Waldteufel).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 New Variety Records. Orchestra—'Going Greek' Selection. . . . New Mayfair Orchestra; Vocal—You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret (O'Connor-Silver de Murcia); Good-night To You All (Denby-Watson). . . . Morton Downey; Sunshine in Spring—Waltz (De Curtis-Baummann); Land of Love—Fox-Trot (Melichar-Heyne). . . . Eugen Wolff and His Orchestra; Comedian—I Never Thought That She'd Do That To Me; Let's All Have A Charabanc Ride (Miller). . . . Max Miller; Vocal and Piano—Paris Is Not The Same (Marvell-Strachey); Singing For You (Hackford). . . . Leslie Hutchinson; Orchestra—Saxophone Fireworks—Fox-Trot. . . . Eric Harden Dance Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

8.05 European Programme.

8.05 Chinese Programme.

8.15 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong-kong Hotel.

1. Make a wish; 2. I'm feeling like a million; 3. Yours and Mine; 4. Your Broadway and My Broadway.

8.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

8.20 5. Vieni, Vieni; 6. Public Melody Number One; 7. Whispers in the Dark; 8. Stop! You're breaking my heart.

8.35 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

8.40 9. It Looks Like Rain; 10. High, Wide and Handsome; 11. Blossoms on Broadway; 12. The Big Apple.

8.45 Studio—Children's Concert.

8.45 Light Opera.

Merrie England (German); Waltz Song—The Maid of the Mountains (Fraser-Simson); Love Will Find A Way. . . . Helene Esserman (Soprano); 'A Country Girl'—Selection (Monckton). . . . London Theatre Orchestra; 'The Beggar Student' (Millock-Zell-Gene); Ich Knappte manche zarte Hand; Ich hab' kein Gold, bin vogelfrei. . . . Hans Fildesser (Tenor).

7.05 New Variety.

Organ—Dixon Hits No. 10. . . . Reginald Dixon; Orchestra—The Acacia Blossoms Twice; More Stars Than There Are in The Sky; Once I Had A Dear Mother; The Sun is in Love With The Moon. . . . Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra; Vocal—Sea Winds (Askew-Harrison); Full Sail (Graves-Buck). . . . Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

7.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.30 Orchestral.

Medea—Overture (Cherubini). . . . Milan Symphony Orchestra Cond: Lorenzo Molajoli; 'Portsmouth Point' Overture (Walton). . . . The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra Cond: Adrian Boult.

7.45 London Relay—Sportsmen Talking: W. W. Wakefield, M.P.

8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

11. Close Down.

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ST. JOHN'S FIRST DEFEAT IN BADMINTON LEAGUE

BEATEN BY THE C.R.C.

A BETTER BALANCED SIDE WINS

(By "Abe")

Rather unexpectedly, St. John's badminton players suffered their first defeat in the "B" Division of the League yesterday evening when they visited the Chinese R.C. and were beaten by six games to three. Re-shuffling of the Chinese pairings and the inclusion of S. W. Liang, a former "A" Division player in the team were contributing factors to the Chinese success.

The late arrival of Norman Smith, although it had nothing to do with the final result, seemed to have an unsettling effect on his team-mates in the first round; certain it is that the game started a little late on this account, and the Rev. A. J. Bennett, the captain, had at least on one occasion to go to the telephone in an effort to locate the missing player. This may or may not have had anything to do with Bennett's display; but he definitely was not up to his usual form in the first match when he and F. H. Kwok were badly beaten by S. W. Liang and Choy Ping-fan.

Having seen both teams in action—the Chinese were minus Liang when I saw them—I certainly thought St. John's had the better-balanced team. On last night's play, however, the boot was on the other foot. The scores prove this; each Chinese pair won games to give the side victory by 6-3.

OMINOUS START
The start was a little ominous for the visitors. Their first pair, Bennett and Kwok, never recovered from a bad start against Liang and Choy, who were combining effectively, and were beaten to five. Choy's agility and Liang's steady influence were the features of this game. I fully expected this Chinese pair to win all three sets, and it came as a surprise when, in their last game, they were defeated by G. A. Smith and A. Keown.

When Norman Smith arrived, almost an hour late, he unfortunately had to go on the court almost at once without the benefit of a preliminary knock-up; and it was not surprising that he and P. B. Wilson were quickly polished off by Liang and Choy. Throughout the evening, neither Smith nor Wilson was seen to real advantage, and they had to concede all three games.

G. A. Smith and A. Keown did well to win their first game, against Y. W. Lee and C. F. Chiu. The Chinese played an entertaining game, but found the adroit angled shots of Smith a constant source of trouble. Smith and Keown were at their best against Liang and Choy, Keown ris-



Players who took part in the badminton league match last night between the Chinese R.C. and St. John's. Front row (left to right)—P. B. Wilson, N. Smith, F. H. Kwok, P. F. Choy, Y. W. Lee, and Back row (left to right)—A. Keown, A. J. Bennett, G. A. Smith, S. W. Liang, P. C. Leung, C. F. Chiu and C. Y. Yung.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

The Boat Race

J. C. Cherry, president of Oxford University Boat Club, stated recently that the probable date of next year's boat race is April 2, when the tide is favourable at 2.30 p.m.

PECULIAR INCIDENT

A peculiar incident occurred when N. Smith and Wilson were in play against Lee and Chiu. A work return by Chiu presented Wilson with an easy "kill" and the latter gave the shuttle a terrific smack. Lee was standing quite close to the net at the time and the shuttle hit his spectacles with such force that a glass was dislodged. Fortunately the glass did not break and Lee, after putting it back in place, was able to continue.

The Free Lances were hard pressed by the Club de Recreo in the only other match played during the evening, and won only by the odd game. Scores:

C.R.C. v. ST. JOHN'S

S. W. Liang and P. F. Choy (C.R.C.) beat P. B. Wilson and N. Smith 21-9; C. F. Chiu and Y. W. Lee beat Kwok and Bennett 21-15; beat Wilson and Smith 21-10; Smith and Keown 15-21; P. C. Leung and C. Y. Yung lost to Kwok and Bennett 13-21; beat Wilson and Smith 17-21; beat Smith and Keown 21-14.

FREE LANCES v. RECREO

A. L. Fisher and F. W. Clark (Free Lances) lost to E. A. R. Alves and C. M. de Silva 21-17; beat C. C. Pereira and A. A. Noronha 21-10; A. A. Noronha and C. C. Pereira beat Alves and Silva 24-19; beat Soares and Beltrao 21-10; beat Pereira and Noronha 24-27; L. D. Skinner and H. Harris lost to Alves and Silva 10-21; lost to Soares and Beltrao 5-21; lost to Pereira and Noronha 7-21.

LEAGUE TABLE

Games. P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

St. John's . . . 4 3 1 0 22 14 6

Kowloon Tong 5 3 2 0 30 15 6

C.R.C. 4 2 2 0 21 15 4

Free Lances . . 3 2 1 0 10 17 4

Recreo "C" . . . 3 1 2 0 14 13 2

St. Andrew's . . 3 0 3 0 2 25 0

University "C" 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

TENNIS RANKING SURPRISES

Miss Stammers Has Not Earned Her Place

By Stanley N. Doust

London, Nov. 9.

The Lawn Tennis Association issued yesterday the official Ranking Lists for 1937 as follows:—

Men.—1, H. W. Austin (2); 2, C. E. Hare (4); 3, C. R. D. Tuckey (6); 4, H. G. N. Lee (5); 5, D. W. Butler (8); 6, H. F. David (—); 7, C. M. Jones (12); 8, F. H. D. Wilde (10); 9, *D. McPhail (—); 10, *R. A. Shays (—); 11, J. S. Olliff (—); 12, *M. D. Deloford (—); and *E. J. Filby (—).

Women.—1, Mrs. D. L. Little (1); 2, Miss R. M. Hardwick (5); 3, Miss M. C. Scriven (10); 4, Miss K. E. Stammers (2); 5, Miss M. Heeley (9); 6, Miss J. Saunders (7); 7, Mrs. M. R. King (3); 8, Miss F. James (4); 9, Miss E. M. Dearman (—); 10, *Mrs. E. C. Peters (—); 11, *Miss M. E. Lumb (—); 12, Miss N. M. Lylo (11).

* Indicates ranked for first time.

The figures in parentheses denote positions in the 1936 lists.

There has never been a ranking list that pleased everybody. The 1937 official list certainly does not. I am the first to admit the difficulty of arriving at the exact merit of one player as compared to another, yet I feel the committee have been influenced more by performances in previous years than results this year, especially in the case of the women.

COULD NOT PLAY

Miss Stammers, placed No. 4, could not play in many tournaments owing to ill-health. She did not do well at Wimbledon and on past form was selected for the Wightman Cup team. She failed to win in the States and has not played in England since she lost at Wimbledon.

Why, then, is she placed before Miss M. Heeley and Mrs. King? The former has been most successful and should, on current form, be higher in the list.

There is no quarrel with the selection of Austin or Mrs. Little (Miss Dorothy Round). Here deserves second place, and Tuckey the third. I am glad to see that Butler has jumped three places. He is very near Davis Cup standard.

McPHAIL'S PLACE

McPhail, of Scotland, might have been placed at No. 6—although David has been successful he has not played in many tournaments. Shays, Deloford, and Filby come into the list for the first time. But why is Shays placed so low down? Has Lee done anything this season to warrant him being placed No. 4, good as was his old form?

Miss Mary Hardwick is to be congratulated on her rise to Britain's second best player. I have no quarrel with her ranking nor with the placing third of Miss Scriven, which justifies the criticisms levelled at the selectors when they did not select her to play for the Wightman Cup.

Mrs. E. C. Peters must be gratified that her sterling perseverance has at last been recognized. Miss Lumb probably has been put into the ranking list because she was selected for the Wightman Cup team.

Miss Lylo ought, in my opinion, at least to be level with Miss James; Miss Stammers ought not to have been ranked at all because of insufficient data—the reason why G. P. Hughes is absent from the men's list.

Middlesex Wins At Rugby

London, Dec. 15.

One match in the County Rugby Championship was played to-day, Middlesex defeating Sussex by 16-3 at Teddington.

At the White City, the Police beat the Royal Navy comfortably by 17-5.—*Reuter.*

F.A. CUP REPLAY RESULTS

Cardiff's Fine Performance

London, Dec. 15.

The following are the results of matches played in the F.A. Cup:

SECOND ROUND

Mansfield 2 Lincoln 1

2 New Brighton 2

SECOND ROUND (REPLAY)

Bristol C. 0 Cardiff 2

York 1 Clapton O. 0

Brighton 6 South Liverpool 0

—*Reuter.*

St. Andrews to Stage Walker Cup Match

A powerful attack on British amateur golf is certain next season when the Walker Cup match will be played. The date, fixed for the biennial International match is June 3 and 4. This will be played on the Old Course at St. Andrews, where three of the four previous contests in this country have been decided.

In view of the fact that a special subcommittee has been appointed by the Royal and Ancient club to select and prepare a team for the International match, it is hoped that America's unbeaten record in this series will be ended next year.

TO PLAY FOR TITLE
The American players will almost certainly arrive in England in time to take part in the Amateur Championship, which will be decided at Troon, beginning on May 23. When the Walker Cup match was last played in this country W. Lawson

WEEKLY HOCKEY NOTES BY "THE PILGRIM"

SAINTS DEFEAT C. B. A.

Caer Clark Cup Match

In the only Caer Clark Cup fixture played last week, St. Andrew's Ladies defeated the C.B.A. Ladies by three goals to two on the C.B.A. ground at King's Park after a fast and interesting encounter.

In less than a minute, Miss P. Gittins, at centre forward, dashed through the spread-eagled C.B.A. defence in a brilliant solo effort to test Miss Moss with a terrific drive from close range. The C.B.A. goalie made a partial clearance, but Miss E. Churn ran through to score, however.

The C.B.A. right flank, with Miss Best and Mrs. Stoker, got going and after 10 minutes, Mrs. Stoker equalised with an easy goal, Mrs.



Miss P. Gittins C.B.A.'s brilliant left back.

Ross mis-kicking badly. The C.B.A. forwards seemed more precise in their attacks and were soon rewarded when Mrs. Stoker gave her side the lead off a pass from Miss Best. At the other end, the Saints' attack returned with renewed vigour. Miss F. Wong, in a dangerous raid down the right wing, crossed a beauty to Miss P. Gittins, who rammed in a first time level the score.

At the resumption, the Saints were early attacking and it seemed the C.B.A. defence would crack up, but Miss P. Parsons at left back came to her side's rescue with brilliant clearances. Though Miss I. Woolley, Mrs. Trand and Miss Clewer put up a stout defence, there was no stopping Miss P. Gittins. Taking advantage of a delayed hit by Miss Parsons, the Saints' leader swung into action and made no mistake with a snap goal. It was unfortunate for the C.B.A. left back as she had previously broken up many promising movements of the Saints' forwards.

Mrs. White, at centre forward for the C.B.A., worked hard but Miss J. Wong, the Saints' pivot, gave her very little rope. Miss Moss, between the sticks, was in excellent form and saved many almost certain goals.

The Saints deserved their victory.



Miss P. Gittins St. Andrew's speedy centre forward.

Little, of America, who is not now eligible to compete, won the British title.

Arrangements for the Open Championship next year have already been made for the Royal Cinque Ports course at Deal beginning on July 4, with the qualifying rounds being played at Deal and at Royal St. George's, Sandwich. It is doubtful whether there will be such a strong challenge from America as there was for this year's championship.

Weak Army Side Loses To The Club

"Triangular" Tourney

In their first hockey match of the Triangular Tournament against the Army at Sookunpoo last Tuesday, the Club defeated their nearest rivals by 3 goals to 1. The fast smothering attempts by the Club attack proved sound tactics throughout the game. I say smothering because some of the forwards indulged in too much barging, and the umpiring in one half in particular was far from satisfactory.

Play was brilliant in spasms but I must confess that spectators were treated to a combination of hockey, rugby and soccer. The game was nevertheless interesting. The Army were without three of their best defensive players, Datta Ram, right back, Land, centre-half, Stickle, Ritchie and Stapleton filling the vacancies. Exchanges were pretty even during the first ten minutes until Divett got past Stickle and Swanson to give the Club the lead with a smart goal. The Army came back strongly and Austen sent Partaub away down the left-wing; the latter drew Wallace out, dribbled the ball past him and crashed in a terrific shot which Benwell deflected into play. Pritam Nath was soon on the scene to level the score. Play went to the other end with Club doing most of the attacking.

CLUB TAKES LEAD
The interval was in sight when Divett again found the net off a short corner to give his side a 2-1 lead. Club was still the better side when the teams changed over. Bates, W. A. Reed and Potter were seen to advantage, making splendid openings for their forwards. Whitley was given a chance to score on two occasions but he failed badly. Divett, Blackford and Bond, however, were breaking through the Army defence but Wilson came to the rescue with beautiful first time clearances made with both feet.

After a mix-up between Fowler and Swanson, Blackford got possession of the ball and again sent it out to Fowler for the latter to send in a stinging drive which left Wilson standing. Thereafter, the Army left flank, with Partaub and Gopal Ram, made desperate attempts at penetrating the Club defence but Wallace was there all the time. E. V. Reed, at left back, gave his partner magnificent support. The Club attack did splendidly and was well supported by the defence.

For the Army Sawal Khan, Pritam Nath and Partaub played well but their halves were lacking in energy and were never up with the attack. In the second period of the game Ritchie and Stapleton were seldom in the picture; Austen was also beaten by first time tackling. There was little to choose between Stickle and Swanson though they worked like trojans. Should the Army field their strongest XI in their return encounter the Club will find them hard to beat.

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THRILLING GAME ON SUNDAY

Brilliant Moves By Forwards

The 22 players who took part in the annual match between the Civilians and the Service last Sunday provided a really interesting struggle. Spectators saw plenty of thrills, especially towards the end of the second half when the Services dominated play.

Perfect combination by both sets of forwards, who demonstrated brilliant stickwork, good backing by the halves, and well-timed clearances by the backs were the order of the day. The cream of local hockey talent was on view, and the game, which was one of fluctuating fortunes, was definitely worth seeing.

Highlights of the game were the lightning raids made by the Civilian forwards on the Services' goal in the first half. Fowler, G. Singh, Pyara



Partaub Diminutive Services' left winger.

Singh, Pinto and Bond combined with perfect understanding and contrived the Services' defence time and again. Both wingers sent in beautiful long centres and the halves, Brown, Reed and Malik, were on top of their form, making splendid interceptions and feeding their forwards well.

Guest seemed the safer of the two backs. The strong sun playing on L. Cosano's spectacles prevented him from getting his eye in. Though the shots which beat Ramzan were lucky goals scored from close range, nevertheless the Civilians' goal-keeper was far below his usual form.

FINE SERVICE DEFENCE

It seemed at the outset that the Civilians' dash would be too much for the Services and that a swamp of goals would be the outcome; but the way in which the latter's defence met the onslaught was admirable. In the second half, the Services

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WEEKLY HOCKEY NOTES

(By "The Pilgrim")

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responded with interest. Most of the work fell on Land at centre half and Wallace at full back. The former's anticipation of movements was amazing. Time and again he brought promising runs down the centre by Pyara Singh to an abrupt end. Spencer, at left half, also had Fowler subdued. Pritam Nath, as leader of the attack, proved a genius at ball distribution, though his stickwork was not as flashy as Pyara Singh's. Sawal Khan was a great opportunist. Parvath treated spectators to his characteristic dashes down the left wing, but he often wasted his efforts as he either infringed the sticks rule or ran the ball out of play. Bond, the Civilians' left wing, gave a more polished display. Both teams were at their best and the result, I should say, was a satisfactory one.

REPLAY SUGGESTED

Since the match, I have been approached by several Services' and Civilian players regarding the feasibility of a replay. Personally I think it is a very good idea. The Interport is still a long way off, and I would like to suggest that a replay be fixed as soon as possible, say December 20 or 27.

I was about to nominate my Interport team, but I find it yet too early, and since the Navy has several good players of the calibre of Lieut. Miller, I shall have to watch them in action before making my selections. Should the Civilians-Services replay materialise, I shall make every effort to forecast my Colony XI soon after.

BRAWN CUP ENCOUNTER DRAWN

Recs & Saints Score One Each

Prior to the C.B.A. v. St. Andrew's match last Saturday, the Club de Recreo and St. Andrew's shared two goals in a splendid game in the Brawn Cup Competition.

The Rees did well to hold their opponents to 1-1; but had their forwards been more on the alert the team would probably have earned an extra point.

The Saints started the ball rolling with a player short. Miss Arnold being ten minutes late. The Rees took the offensive and Miss Remedios, Miss Botelho and Miss Alves, backed by Miss F. Goncalves, were often in the circle; but Miss J. Broadbridge and Miss Chang kept them out with hard hits.

Nevertheless, the Rees' attack kept on pressing and after ten minutes, Miss Goncalves scored a nice goal. Miss J. Hall being unsighted.

With the arrival of Miss Arnold, the Saints took things seriously. The attack, led by Miss Ho who was assisted by Miss Churn and Roberts, gave the Recreo defence a hot time of it. Miss O. Botelho, at left back, and Miss Barros, however, rose to the occasion and kept their goal intact until the interval arrived.

SAINTS EQUALISE

On changing over, the Saints looked more energetic. Miss Ho in particular being a live wire. After 15 minutes, she weaved her way through the Rees' defence to equalise with a well-placed shot.

The Rees in turn made desperate attempts to regain their lead, but Miss Remedios and Miss Alves kept too far back to be able to seize the scoring opportunities offered. Miss M. Lawson, at centre half for the Saints, gave her forwards splendid support. Mrs. Noronha, at right half for the Rees, gave a greatly improved display, and Miss M. Roza was a fast right winger. Miss Y. Ho was the "brains" of the Saints' attack, with little Miss Greaves a splendid worker at left half. Miss J. Broadbridge, at right back, was brilliant.

Though the Saints were superior

SAINTS ARE OUT FOR SHIELD INTERPORT FOOTBALLERS BEING FIELDED

(By "Abe")

Notwithstanding their present lowly position in the First Division of the Hongkong Football League, St. Joseph's footballers are making a great effort to lift the Senior Shield, the first round of which commences this week-end.

In addition to their present "stars," the Saints have obtained the services of Pickering, Connor (both of the Royal Ulster Rifles), N. Beltrao (the former Interport centre-half) and C. F. Remedios (the former Shanghai Interport captain).

As announced by the management this morning, the team will be one of the strongest in the Colony. If I were certain that Beltrao and Remedios are retaining the same form as when I saw them last, I would go so far as to say that the Saints' defence have no equal in Hongkong at the present moment. But it is a season since Beltrao and Remedios last played, and as every one knows, in season may make all the difference in the world to one's football.

Anyway, Kowloon will not have an enviable task when the teams clash in the first round at Caroline Hill on Saturday. I can see no weakness in the Saints' defence, and if the forwards get going, I am almost certain that they will get through. But good though the vanners are on paper, they have not been very impressive in their League games; otherwise, they would not be occupying such a position in the table.

The team announced is: Connor; Pickering, V. Costa; A. J. Hussain, N. Beltrao, C. F. Remedios; C. Marques, A. Ward, D. Leonard, J. Gomes and A. Alves.

CLUB LINE-UP

The following will represent the Hongkong F.C. in their Shield match

in the second half, on the run of the play a draw was a very fair result.

CURRENT NOTES OF INTEREST

MACAO players are warming up for their forthcoming Interport match with the Colony. Two weeks ago they trounced the Royal Corps of Signals to the tune of 8-1. According to G. Lammeri, they are looking forward to the Hongkong Club visit in January. The Radio Sports Club is also thinking of sending a team over sometime in January. Bill Colledge, I hear, will take a Wanderers team towards the end of January. Club de Recreo is pitting two of their best teams up during the Chinese New Year. So I can see the Portuguese team getting tons of practice before they pay us a visit in February.

HONGKONG Ladies in general are about to take the Christmas and New Year holidays seriously! So seriously that they have abandoned the Caer-Clark Cup and Brawn Cup fixtures until January 8. Beware ladies! A short rest is always advisable but the rainy weather is settling in.

K. Hussain, the Secretary of the Hongkong Umpires Hockey Board is doing very well in his new job, catering for Umpires in Ladies' League games. He is still anxious for more support from Services' umpires. Last Saturday, he was seen to umpire two games in one afternoon, and this is just a bit too much for one man. I do hope Services and Civilian will lend him a bigger hand in future. So far the ladies have completed half their season very satisfactorily and umpires are again asked to assist Mr. Hussain in seeing the other half completed.

I am pleased to see St. Joseph's College boys making such big strides in the game. A few days ago, they drew with a scratch Police team—a very creditable performance. It looks to me that one of the collegians is in the running for a title. Come on, the C.B.S. boys! Want about a game with the College lads? Show them you can play hockey as well as you can play cricket.

against Eastern on Saturday:

Skinner; Hill, Nogaitzin; Hynes, J. Skinner; Wilson; Fisher, Scott, Fowler, Dickford and Sloan.

The following will represent the Club in the Junior Shield against the Senforth Highlanders:

Payne; Keown, Kemp; Purvis, Millington, Gilchrist; Kerman, Stephens, Wilson, Duncan and Shaw.

BADMINTON TEAM

After an absence of several weeks, C. Bovard returned to the Talkoo mixed doubles team in the match against St. Andrew's tomorrow evening. The following will turn out for Talkoo:

C. Bovard and Miss I. Cunningham; A. Keown and Miss M. Fraser; G.A. Smith and Miss R. Summers.

HUNGARY RESUMES U.S. DEBT PAYMENT

Washington, Dec. 15. Hungary has tendered a War Debt token payment of \$9,800 being the first among 15 other debtor nations to resume payments since the 1932 default.

Finland has been paying regularly and remitted \$232,143.—United Press.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

	Prices in Pesos
Antamok	Unquoted
Bak	Unquoted
Buglio Gold	65
Benguet Consolidated	8.50
Coca	Unquoted
Consolidated Mines	9.10
Demonstration	Unquoted
Paracale Gumaua	40
San Maucilio	42
United Paracale	Unquoted
Suye	41

The tone of the market—Dull.

FIGHT BEDAUX PLAN

Paris, Dec. 16. Eighteen hundred people are involved in a strike at the Goodrich Colomb tyre works as a protest against the introduction of the Bedaux system.—Reuter.



Can the widow of a crook find peace in the arms of the G-Man whose bullet fired her from a life of crime? Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay give the answer in "Public Enemy's Wife," Warner Bros. starring sequel to "Public Enemy," which opens at the King's Theatre to-day.

Who Will be England's Full-Back?

By Astral

London, Nov. 16.

The trial season is upon us and the worries of the selectors are deepening. These gentlemen, like the members of the fourth estate who are concerned with Rugby football do a lot of travelling about in the search for talent, old or new. Now the fruit of their honourable labours is about to be put to the test of actual selection.

First of the English trials will be played at Newcastle next Saturday fortnight, and on Thursday of past week we shall have the unofficial trial at Oxford, when R. V. Stanley's team of notabilities will be opposed to the Dark Blues. Last season England played ten new caps. I wonder how many recruits there will be to the international arena this season.

It is quite on the cards that the Oxford full-back, H. D. Frakes, will get his full recognition. He figured in the trials after the inter-variety match last season, but failed to displace Owen Smith. Now that the latter has retired, Frakes seems to be the most likely man to take his place.

ENGLISH BORN

He is playing well and, as a long and accurate touch-downer, Frakes has no equal. I note Percy Rudd's reference to him faltering a little when under pressure at Blackheath, and the critical ones will not forget how Macdonald "diddled" him in the variety match last December.

Still, he is a full-back of high quality, and I may point out to those who do not readily reconcile themselves to the idea of England playing one South African after another at full-back that Frakes was born in England.

You cannot wish for a better qualification than that.

There are some good challengers, however, for the full-back's place in the England team. Parker, who was in the first trial at Worthington, is showing sound form for Gloucestershire, and Gerrard's revival in a new role for Somerset and Bath has focussed attention on this player, who has 14 caps to his credit as England's centre and who, in the seasons of 1922-23-24-25, did not miss participation in a single international match played by England.

One is apt to think of Gerrard as an old player. He is only a veteran, however, in respect to the number of years he has played. He started in his early teens at Rugby football, but there are many players actually older than Gerrard who have had far less experience.

One of the best full-backs I have seen this season is Suter, of Surrey and the Old Cranleighans. He may not possess Frakes's genius for touch-downing nor Parker's uncanny instinct for positioning himself almost to an inch near Gerrard's gift of lucky tackling, but he is a grand all-round performer. What is more, Suter never plays a bad game.



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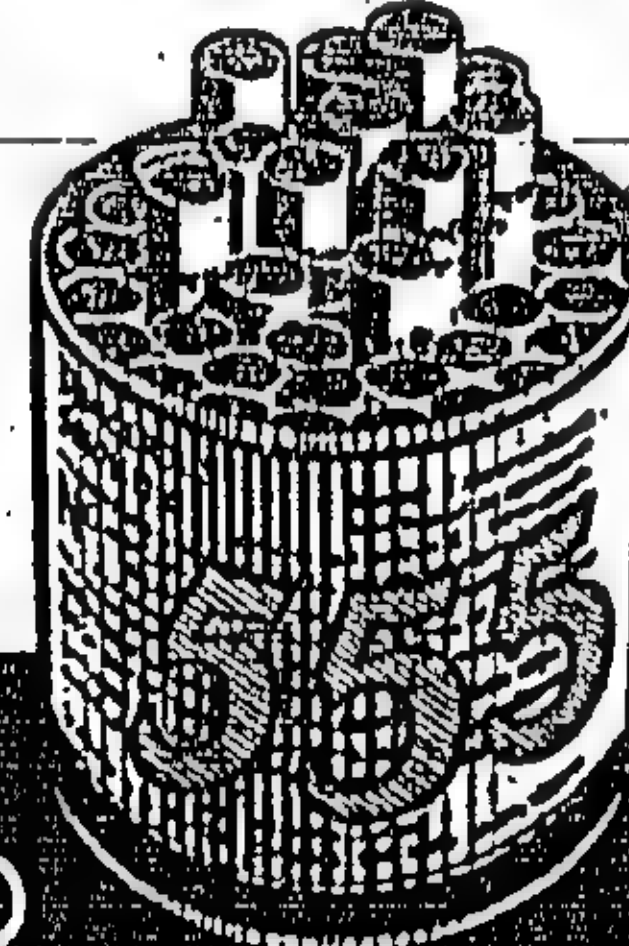
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K.R.A. Asks Government For Action

Variety Of Subjects Discussed During Monthly Meeting Burglars And Mosquitoes

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Tuesday, December 14, in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Those present were Mr. B. Wyllie (President), Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice-President), Mr. R. P. Phillips (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. R. Baldwin (Hon. Secretary), Miss R. Mow Fung, Messrs. W. C. Felslow, Li Chor-chi, C. M. Manners, D. W. Munton, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, and the Rev. J. R. Higgs. Apologies of absence were received from the Hon. Mr. L. d'Almeida, Messrs. H. Gittins and C. E. Terry.

Correspondence concerning traffic, mosquitoes in Kowloon, children's playgrounds, road surfacing and the Street Sleepers Shelter Society, were read and approved.

A letter from Government regarding the possible removal of a cemetery to a site in Kowloon Tong was read. A sub-committee was appointed to go into the matter.

A letter was read drawing the Committee's attention to the traffic "island" in process of construction at the junction of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street. It was agreed that the Traffic sub-committee should investigate the matter, if possible in collaboration with the Automobile Association and the Police Traffic Department.

A donation of \$100 was granted by the Association to the Kowloon Food Relief Committee.

A sub-committee submitted a list

NO LIVING FOR JEWS

Germany Tightens Restrictions

Berlin, Dec. 15. The remaining Jews who hold responsible business positions in Germany will be removed by next March, according to a declaration by General Goering.

Jews will not be allowed to enter public offices unless required to do so, while Jewish names will be erased from concerns which have already been taken over by Germans.

German nationals living in Jewish-owned houses must remove from them, the cost of the removals to be borne by the Government.—Reuter.

of roads which are inadequately labelled, and it was agreed to write the Hon. Colonial Secretary on the matter.

STREET LIGHTING

The attention of the Committee had been directed by Government to certain experimental gas lamps at present fitted in Jordan Road. Opinion was unanimous that the lighting afforded by these lamps was not so satisfactory as that supplied by the gaseous discharge lamps recently tried in Nathan Road, and it was agreed to write Government to this effect.

Concern was expressed regarding the serious increase in the numbers of cases of burglary in certain Kowloon districts. It was agreed to again direct the attention of the Police Department to this matter.

The opinion having been generally expressed by members of the Committee that the Kowloon Post Office was at present understaffed, the President was requested to interview the Postmaster General on the subject.

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Referendum On War Not Acceptable

Serves No Useful Purpose, Says Cordell Hull

Washington, Dec. 15. The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives has secretly decided not to hold hearings on the Ludlow War Referendum, which proposes that before the United States be committed to war, the Government shall seek the opinion of the nation by a referendum.

Senator Hutton W. Summers indicated that this decision of the committee was due to the delicate international situation. Meanwhile Administration opposition to the proposals is growing. Senator Sam Rayburn announced that he would do his utmost to prevent consideration of the plan, despite the completion and discharge of the petition.

Commenting on the Ludlow War Referendum scheme, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary for States said: "From the standpoint of promoting peace and keeping this country out of war, I am unable to see either the wisdom or practicability of this proposal."—United Press.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station: C. G. Paul Doster, Ferncastle, Shingyo Maru, President Hoover, President McKinley, Empress Of Canada, Delagoa Maru, Tasman, Kidderpore, Tjisondari, Hothow, Sarpedon, and Jeypore.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 15. The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter:

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
Dec.	8.10/10	8.10/10
Jan.	8.13/13	8.10/10
Mar.	8.21/21	8.19/20
May	8.23/23	8.23/23
July	8.27/27	8.20/20
Oct.	8.33/33	8.31/31
Spot		8.29

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

New York Rubber

	14.95 n
Dec.	15.25/24
Mar.	15.35/33
May	15.20/30
July	15.45/47
Sept.	15.50/48
Sales for the day:	1.410 tons

The last Notice Day for December Rubber is Dec. 29.

Chicago Wheat

	90	95 1/2
Dec.	92 1/2	92 1/2
May	87 1/2	87 1/2
July	87 1/2	87 1/2
Tuesday's sales:	17,892,000 bushels.	

Chicago Corn

	58 1/2	59 1/2
Dec.	59	59 1/2
May	59 1/2	59 1/2
July	59 1/2	59 1/2

The last Notice Day for December Grains is Dec. 30.

Winnipeg Wheat

	123	123
Dec.	117 1/2	117 1/2
May	118	118 1/2
July	112 1/2	113

The last Notice Day for December Winnipeg Wheat is Dec. 31.

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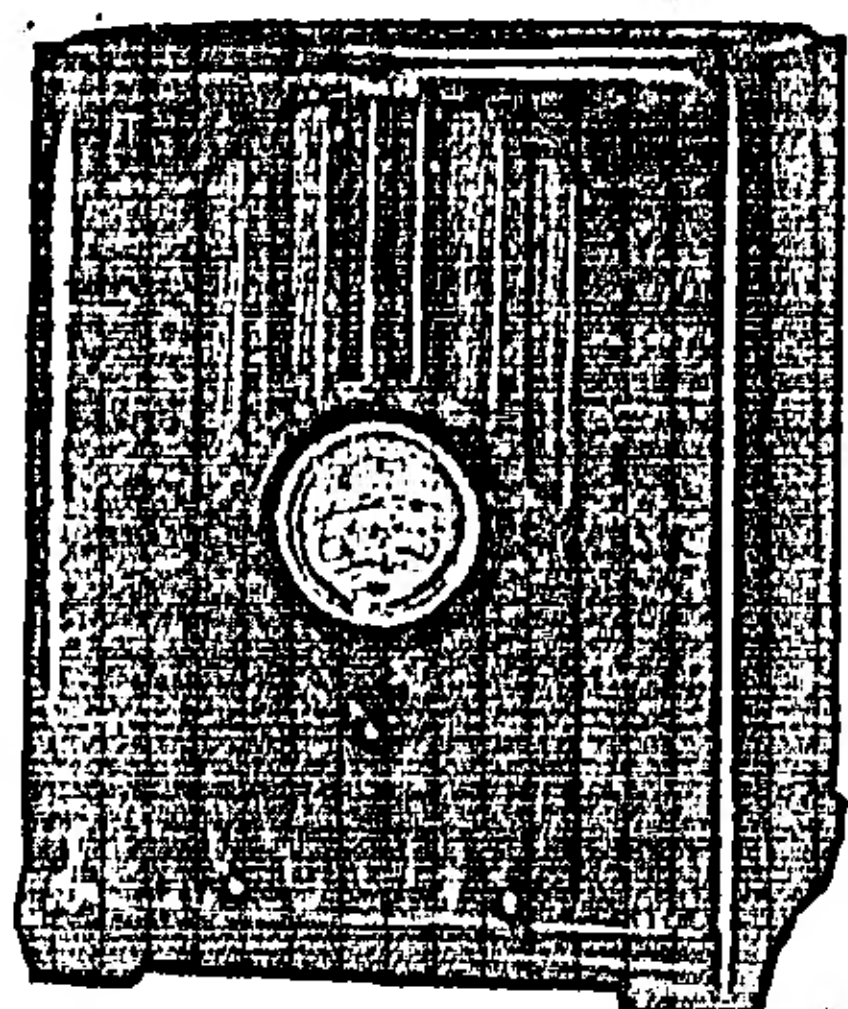
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For years the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's annual productions have figured high in the list of the Colony's speciality entertainments, and the public has learnt from experience to look for some distinguished performances. "The Arcadians", a musical comedy of considerable charm and whimsy, is the Society's latest offering, and, like numbers of its predecessors, it can be docketed as a distinctive achievement by the local amateur players.

Last night's opening performance offered an extremely high standard of entertainment, and although one could discern a slight weakness here and there, the production as a whole left one with the feeling of having spent a particularly enjoyable and entertaining two and a half hours.

The honours are well shared by a talented cast. Leading awards for outstanding comedy characterisations go to W. C. Simpson and Harry Cockle, who between them set a merry pace which is sustained to the closing curtain. Evelyn Fullerton too adds some delightfully deft touches of comedy to a part which offers good opportunity to exploit her talents.

Once again the Society is in the happy position of enjoying the assistance of Anne Winter, whose singing of many of the attractive melodies makes an important contribution to the success of the production. Excellent vocal work is also accomplished by Mina Valentine, and one recalls with pleasure the duet between Doris Blair and Hector Wiggins.

The supporting roles have been shrewdly apportioned and in every case the players do good justice to their parts. The specially dancing of George Goncharoff and Mutual Fielder is exceptionally fine.

Satisfaction is given by the polished work of the chorus, which has always been a strong point of the Society's productions, and other important contributors to the success of the show include the orchestra under the experienced and sympathetic baton of Mr. Lindsay A. LaFord.

Mr. William Robertson as producer has every reason to congratulate himself and his company on the production. The meticulous care with which the producer has accomplished his task is reflected in the generally high standard of work, and a considerable percentage of the credit for the success of "The Arcadians" must be accorded Mr. Robertson.

The Cast

James Smith) Harry Cockle.
Simplicity) Willie Simpson.
Peter Doody) Hector Wiggins.
Jack Meadows) Lester Ellis.
Bob) George Paddock.
Sir George Paddock) David Kosick.
Percy March) Gordon Stapan-Thomson.
Reggie) Peter Wilson.
Sir Timothy) Tom Pratt.
Time) Harry Best.
Mrs. Smith) Evelyn Fullerton.
Lady Barclay) Betty Abraham.
Lady James) Doris Hunt.
Ameyliss) Winifred Raven.
Daphne) Anne Dowling.
Dyoppe) Edna Pockson.
Christy) Nina Valentine.
Astrophel) Percy Guntrip.
Strophel) Alfred Frueh.
Damoetas) Ralph Spencer.
Sombra) Anne Winter.
Eileen) Doris Blair.
Special Dance by Mutual Fielder and George Goncharoff.
The Horse) African Eve.
(kindly lent by Bob Charles from the Hongkong Riding School Stable).
Ladies of the Chorus
Betty Abraham, Joan Barnes, Enid Boulton, Irene Branson, Patricia Brown, Julia Cole, Mollie Corrigan, Anne Dowling, Frances Dunn, Betty Elder, Eva Finlay, Ivy Hall, Doris Hunt, Ann Lang, Winifred Marshall, Cila Melrose, Edna Pockson, Gladys Pollard, Winifred Raven, Gladys Selator, Edna Scott, Dorothy Shaw, Myerette Simpson, Kathleen Winch.
The Gentlemen of the Chorus
J. I. Barnes, H. J. Best, F. G. Bird, A. L. Cole, A. J. Frueh, L. A. Gibson, P. J. Guntrip, R. H. Pratt, J. Russell, G. G. Stapan-Thomson, R. S. Spence, A. T. Twine, P. H. Williams.
Musical Direction by Lindsay A. LaFord, F.A.C.S., L.A.M.S.A.
Dance by George Goncharoff.
Stage Manager, A. C. Houghton; Property Master, B. Minshall; Lighting, R. C. Butler; Scenery, J. Harrison; Business Managers, H. H. Priestley and D. Kosick; Hon. Planist, Nura Kanis; Prompter, G. W. H. Griggs; Wardrobe Mistress, Rose Kosick; Programme Advertising, Irene Branson and H. J. Best. Committee and Office.
President: Hon. Dr. D. J. Valentine.
Committee: Mrs. D. J. Valentine, H. M. Cockle, H. J. Best, H. H. Priestley and William Robertson, Lindsay A. LaFord, F.A.C.S., L.A.M.S.A., D. Kosick (Hon. Secretary), J. H. Shaw (Hon. Treasurer), R. A. Stirling (Hon. Orchestral Secretary).

1st Violins: Prue Lewis (Leader), Barbara Brown, A. J. Hall; 2nd Violins: W. J. Burling, Lennox, J. A. Harrison, J. Harrison, R. A. Stirling; Celli: J. A. Dixon, P. L. Vicary; Bass: J. W. Hughes; Flute: J. H. Fuller; Oboe: H. W. C. Claret; Clarinet: J. H. Shaw, E. C. Vaughan; Bassoon: R. A. Spalding; Horns: L. Allen, A. Arnold.
Trumpets: M. McLean, A. Meek; Trombone: C. Stanton; Timpani Drums: E. C. Stephens; At the Piano, Nura Kanis.

Hon. Musical Director and Conductor, Lindsay A. LaFord.
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Other Helpers
Programme Girls: Stella Bander, Frances Best, Peggy Eccles, Margaret McAlpine, Betty Penny, Cynthia Smith, Marie Smith, June White, Iris Woolley.
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Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Oslo	19.00	19.00
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Prague	142½	142½
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110½	110½
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/6½	1/6½
Calcutta	4.00½	4.00½
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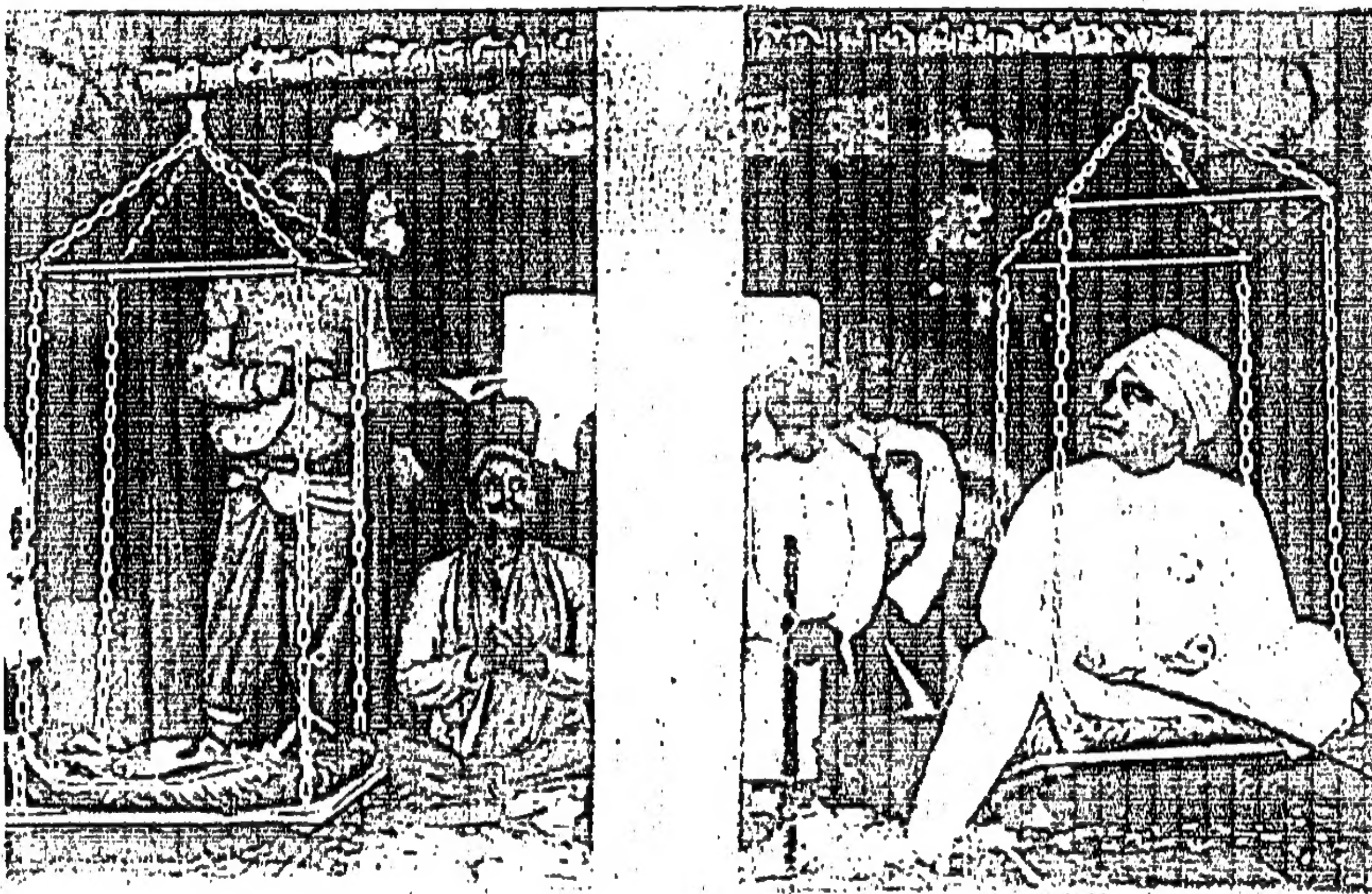
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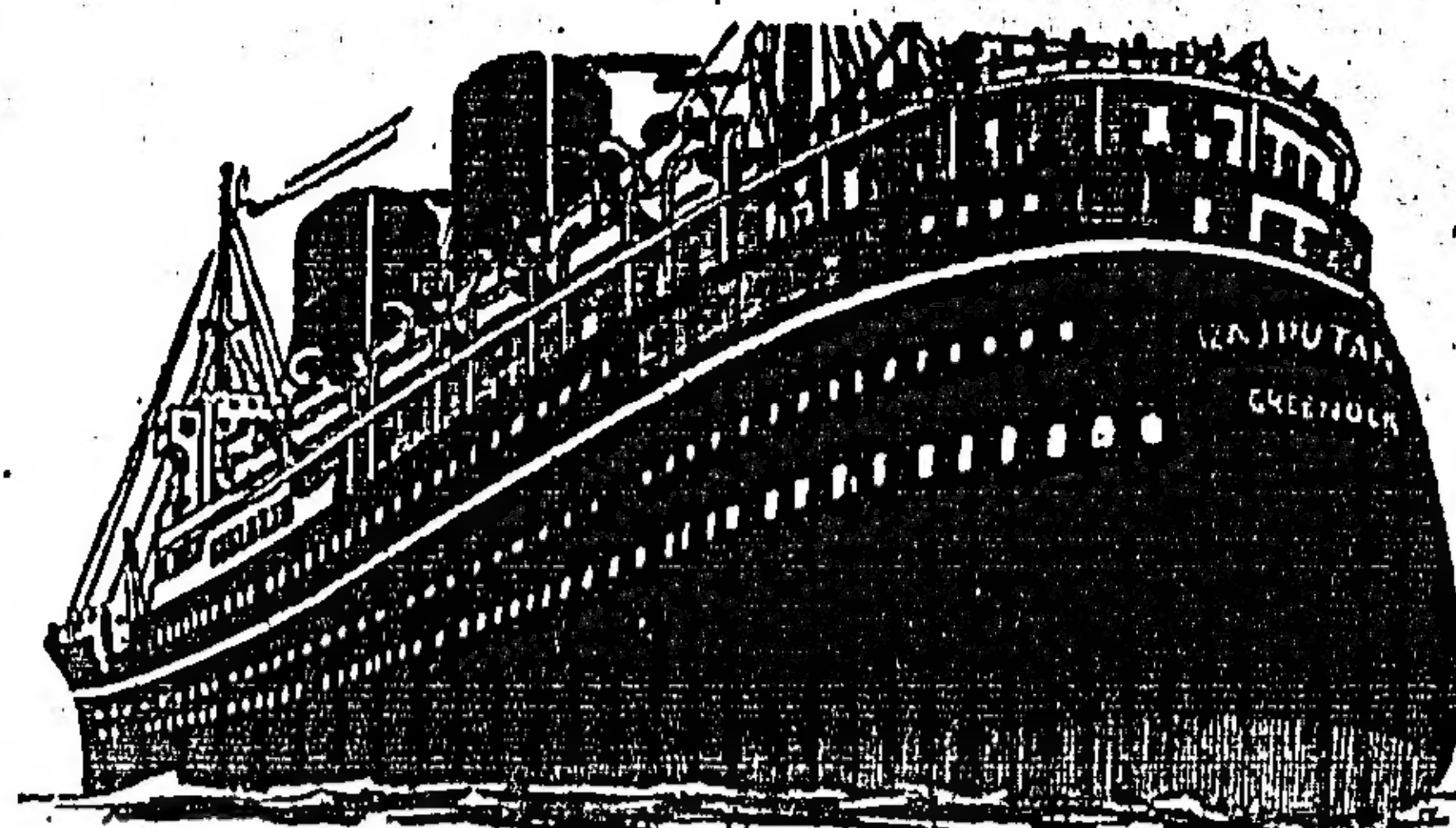
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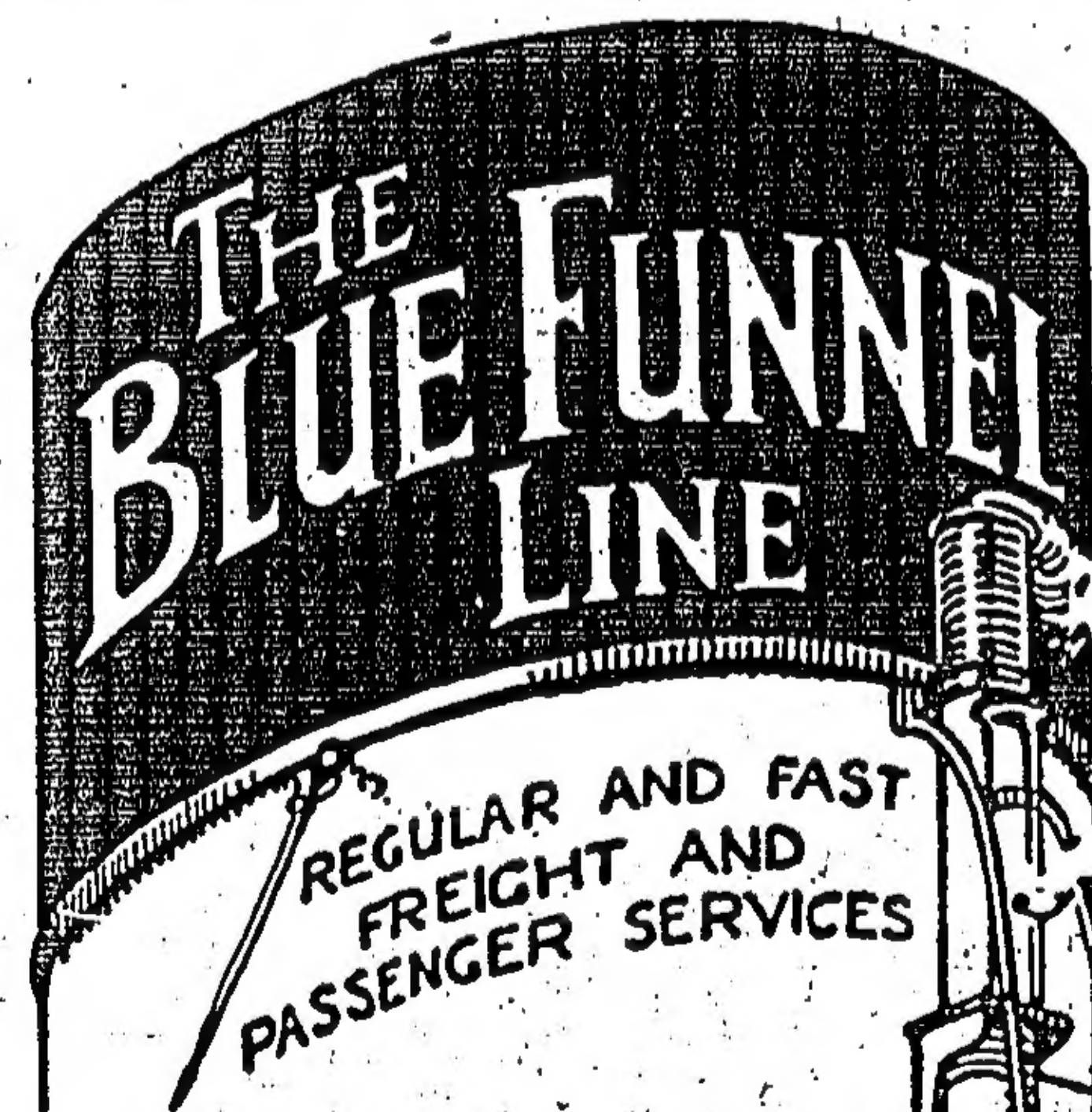
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FOREIGN POPULACE ALL SAFE

150,000 Chinese In Nanking Safety Zone Uninjured

Shanghai, Dec. 16. All foreigners in Nanking are safe, according to a message received from the Japanese Embassy.

The 150,000 Chinese who took refuge in the safety zone organized by the international committee are also safe.

The Japanese Embassy at Nanking says the city is quiet and intact, but that the Embassy cars are missing.

Twenty seven foreigners in Nanking are all safe according to further reports received this morning.

These persons consist of one Briton, two Russians, six Americans and 18 Americans.

The entire 27 people were either businessmen, newspapermen, or newscast cameramen.—Reuter.

BACK TO RANGE ROAD

Shanghai, Dec. 16. One lone British family of five has accepted the Japanese offer to return to its Range Road residence, the scene of recent fighting.

However, others are expected to return to this area after simplification of the intricate pass requirements.—United Press.

EXTENDING CONTROL

Hankow, Dec. 16. A report received here reveals that the Japanese military in Shanghai are planning to take over the areas along the extra-settlement road in Shanghai which was formerly under Chinese jurisdiction.

A party of Japanese troops were reported to have entered Great Western Road and the areas in the western district last week, apparently making a survey of the territory.—Central News.

EXTENDING APPEAL

Hankow, Dec. 16. The Shanghai International Red Cross will extend its financial campaign for another week as contributions collected thus far have not reached the \$100,000 goal.

It is estimated that there are at least 400,000 Chinese refugees still remaining in the Nanking Refugee Zone and in the two foreign areas depending on various charitable organizations for food and clothing.

Dr. Alfred Sze, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington who is directing the publicity work for the International Red Cross, will shortly make an appeal to foreign countries for funds to care for the refugees.—Central News.

BRINGING HOOVER'S CREW HERE

President Pierce From Wreck Scene

The Dollar liner President Pierce is due in Hongkong at 7 o'clock this evening with some of the crew of the stranded President Hoover on board. They will be put ashore here and will await instructions, which are dependent on the prospects of salvaging the ship.

The President Pierce went from Kobe to the scene of the wreck. The President McKinley took the Hoover's passengers to Manila.

The officers and a skeleton crew remain on board the Hoover which is now attended by the Japanese salvage tug which left Hongkong last week with Mr. T. J. Wilson, local agent, and Mr. T. H. Brayfield, marine expert, on board.

Hongkong will receive its Christmas mail in good time, thanks to the President Pierce, which will bring in 463 bags to-night.

NOT ALLOWED ASHORE

Manila, Dec. 16. Looking little the worse for their adventure, 453 President Hoover passengers have arrived here safely aboard the President McKinley.

They reported that the Japanese authorities on Holsboro Island, where the Hoover is stranded, refused to permit the Chinese members of the disabled liner's crew to go ashore.

The passengers added that the Hoover was hard ground and it would require dynamite to move her.—Reuter.

New Capital Linked To Hongkong

The Post Office authorities announced this morning that a new air service is being inaugurated to-day between Chungking, which the Central Government is making its new capital, and Hongkong. The first mail plane arrives this morning.

A first north-bound mail leaves at 8 a.m. to-morrow. Registered mails close at 6 p.m. to-day and ordinary mails at 6 a.m. to-morrow. The Post Office is accepting only mails for Chungking as the intermediate stopping places are not known.

Threats To France No Concern Of Britain's

Edon Adroitly Turns Questioner's Sallies

London, Dec. 15. Mr. G. le M. Mander (Lib.) asked Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons to-day if he would consider the advisability of excluding the British right under Article Eleven of the League Covenant, to draw the attention of the League Council to Japan's action in threatening France that the French railways from Hanoi into China will be bombed if the transit of arms through Indo-China continues.

Mr. Eden replied in the negative and said that this did not seem to be a matter for British initiative.

Mr. Mander asked if it were true France had been so threatened, and the Foreign Secretary replied that it was a question to which only the French Government could reply.

Replying to Mr. J. J. Davidson (Lab.) who asked how many official British protests had been sent to the Japanese Government since August 26, Mr. Anthony Eden said the questioner would appreciate the distinction between protests and representations. It was difficult to define the difference accurately, but he would consider whether he could furnish him with the requested information.

Mr. Davidson asked if Mr. Eden was fairly satisfied the Japanese Government was giving these protests the consideration Britain should expect them to give, and to this Mr. Eden replied: "Satisfaction is almost an unknown sentiment for a Foreign Secretary."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

ATTACK ON PANAY NO MISTAKE

Stiffer Comments By U.S. Press

New York, Dec. 15. Afternoon newspapers are now asserting that the attack on the U.S.S. Panay was not "a mistake," as was first insisted, following receipt of despatches telling how Japanese naval launches joined in the onslaught. They are insisting that the Japanese give satisfactory assurances that such incidents will not occur again.

The World-Telegram captions an editorial "It Must Not Happen Again," and proceeds to point out that the latest versions of the Panay attack smack of an attitude of "to H— with everybody" on the part of the Japanese armed forces.

Cabled reports are taken to indicate that the order of the day was "Strike everything on the river," as the American papers put it.

DON'T WANT WAR

The World-Telegram holds the opinion that Mr. Koki Hirota and the civilian population of Japan do not support such actions, and concludes: "The people of the United States do not want war with Japan, and the people of Japan do not want war with the United States. Hence, for the sake of all concerned it is hoped Tokyo will be able to impress the mad militarists with the wisdom of looking before they shoot." Another incident may find Americans and Japanese alike "up to their necks in trouble."

It is the generally accepted opinion in the press that Japan's reply will not be complete or acceptable until the Government has made good a promise not only to deal appropriately with those responsible for the Yangtze outrages but to provide genuine assurances that steps will be taken to prevent further incidents.—United Press.

MUST WARN "MAD MILITARISTS"

New York, Dec. 16. Commenting on the bombing of the U.S.S. Panay, the New York World states:

"We hope Tokyo will find a way to impress upon her mad militarists the wisdom of looking before they shoot. There is proof that is not done."

"It is just a question of time before a new incident occurs. Emotions may then be aroused to such a pitch that we may suddenly find ourselves, Japanese and Americans alike, up to our necks in trouble which none of us wants."

The New York Post urges invocation of the Neutrality Act, declaring: "We don't want to work with Britain handling the Far Eastern crisis. There is only danger in such an alliance. We want to keep out of war."

The New York Times asserts the cumulative effect of such incidents as that involving the Panay is dangerous in the extreme. It for no other reason than the real interests of Japan the paper advises peace with China on honourable terms.—Reuter.

VISITOR DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Mrs. Minnie Potts Well-known Here

Mrs. Minnie Potts, a resident of the Peninsula Hotel, died this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital of bronchial pneumonia. The deceased was admitted to the Hospital yesterday at 11 p.m. in a critical condition.

Mrs. Potts, who was an elderly lady, was an annual visitor to the Colony, staying here for the summer before returning to England where she has a married daughter.

It is understood that Mrs. Potts contracted a severe chill when she collapsed before an open window at her hotel. She was found in that position some time later, and was immediately rushed to the hospital.

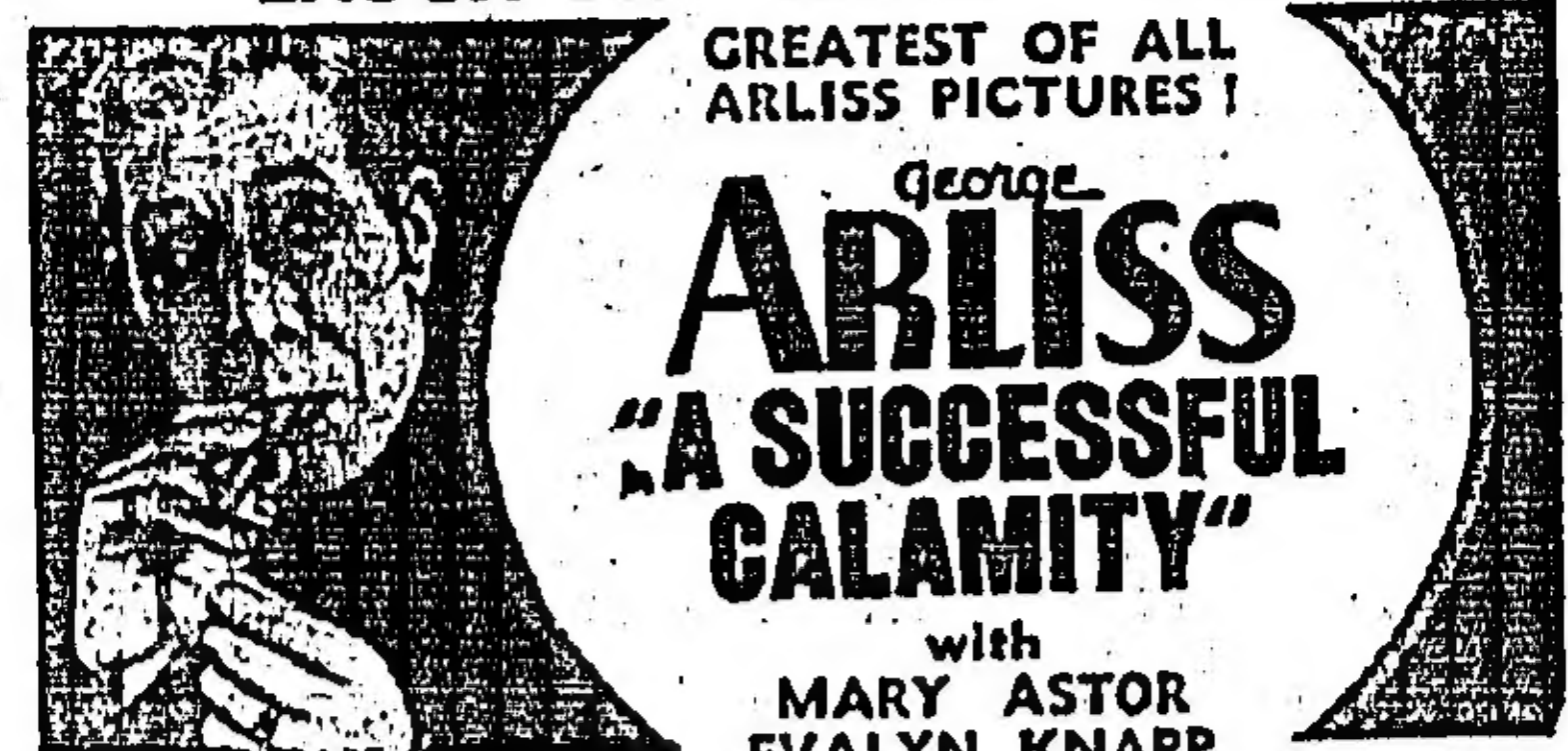
During her stay in the Colony she has made innumerable friends who will be grieved to hear of her sudden passing. The funeral took place to-day at 2.30 p.m. at Happy Valley.

Good Floor Shows For Holidays

Szita and Anis are continuing their specialty dancing at the Hongkong Hotel over the year end to embrace the festive season when admirers of this talented couple will be at strength in the Hotel ballroom. Incidentally, they will be augmented on Saturday by Volsey and his Midnight Follies, a band of beautiful girls who will provide the spice to Christmas dinner and New Year parties in both the Hongkong Hotel and the Peninsula Hotel, on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

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HATS FOR FIVE NEW CARDINALS

Vatican City, Dec. 15.

The Pope to-day privately presented red hats to five new Cardinals, including the Archbishop of Lyons, Minister and Archbishop of Lyons, Giuseppe Pizzardo, Under-Secretary of State, Emmelegio Pellegrinetti, Apostolic Nuncio of Jugo-Slavia and Adeodate Piazza, Patriarch of Venice were others to be so invested, thus bringing the membership of the College to 69, compared with the normal 70.—United Press.

ANOTHER ARSENAL DISCOVERED

Paris, Dec. 15.

Police report they found in a garage in Boulevard Picpus seven tons of arms and ammunitions believed to be one of the central arsenals of the Cagoulards.

The haul included six Hotchkiss machine guns, 80 rifles of several types, and 28 cases of grenades.

Police have arrested two people, whose identities they refuse to reveal.—United Press.

POLICE AND STRIKE PICKETS CLASH

Kansas City, Dec. 15.

Police arrested men, women and children pickets at the Ford plant, Police insisting that no strike was in existence.

Police and strike pickets had numerous skirmishes during the night.—United Press.

HOUSE TURNS DOWN WAGES-HOURS BILL

Washington, Dec. 15.

The House of Representatives had an uproarious session to-day, when it rejected the Federation's Wages and Hours Bill by a standing vote of 168 to 110, and a teller count of 162 to 131.—United Press.

ARTIFICIAL SILK QUOTA INCREASE

London, Dec. 16.

The Colonial Office announces a decision to increase by 50 per cent. the quotas on artificial silk and piece goods imported from the Gold Coast.—Reuter.

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